WORSHIP - MUSIC

Interests: Music, Hospitality, Encouragement, Evangelism, Service, Healing, Intercessory Prayer, Leadership, Pastoring, Wisdom

Accompanists, Cantors, and Instrumentalists (ALL)

Lead the assembly in liturgical music through the following ways:

- **Accompanists and instrumentalists** play piano, guitar, or other instruments to add to the liturgy.
- **Cantors** will lead parishioners with their vocal talents through singing.

Note: Training and support are provided by the Area Director of Music or the local parish Music Leader.
Time Commitment: The Area Director of Music/Music Leader works with these volunteers to create a flexible schedule covering Weekend/Holy Day Masses for each worship site.

Various Choirs – Provide your musical vocal talent to the local parish with a group of others who also wish to contribute to the liturgy. Please see below for a variety of choirs you could participate in:

- **Adult Choir (STM)** Adult Men & Women.
- **Children's & Youth Choirs (STM)** Two choirs--One for children and one for older youth.
- **Handbell Choir (STM)** Choir that uses handbells.
- **Him Sing (STM)** Men's choir- open to all men in the AFC.
- **Family Choir (STM)** Choir for families to sing together.
- **Resurrection Choir (STM)** Adult choir that regularly sings for Funerals.
- **One Voice Choir (OLOL):** Choir for anyone at OLOL who wants to contribute vocally to the liturgy.

Time Commitment: Rehearsal schedules vary by choir.

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Sacristan (ALL) Sacristans set up the chalices, wine, hosts, etc. that are needed for the celebration of Mass, as well as clean up and put away the vessels after Mass. Sacristans also make sure that a full complement of ministers are present for Mass.
Time Commitment: Initial training is provided. Must be present 30 minutes before and 15 minutes after Mass each time you are scheduled to be a sacristan.

Ushers and Greeters (ALL) These roles work together to create a hospitable environment for all at the celebration of the Mass. *Some parishes have these two roles combined.

- **Greeters** are present before Mass to greet those coming for worship, assist anyone with special needs, etc. Greeters also assist the Ushers with large masses, as needed.
- **Ushers** are present before Mass to assist people in finding seats, collecting the offertory, ushering people for Communion, handing out bulletins, setting up additional chairs when needed, and light clean-up after Mass.

Time Commitment: Approximately 1½ -2 hours each time, beginning 15 minutes before Mass and finishing about 15 minutes after Mass.

Washing & Ironing Liturgical Linens (ALL) Taking home the linens used at Mass to have them washed and pressed for the following week. This would include washing altar server albs occasionally.
Time Commitment: Approximately 1 to 2 hours each time you are scheduled to care for the linens.

Word & Communion Ministers (ALL) Lead others through a Word & Communion Service in the event of a priests' absence. All training will be provided.
Time Commitment: As needed, pending numbers of trained leaders and any potential priest absences.

WORSHIP - LITURGY

Funeral Hospitality Minister (ALL) Be present at funerals to welcome family and friends of the deceased. Assist them with any needs they may have, give directions to the restrooms, and help usher the assembly in and out of the church.
Time Commitment: Approximately 75 minutes for each mass.

Gift Bearer (STM, OLOL) Carry the gifts of bread and wine from the back of the church and present to the priest during Mass. Married couples, families, parents with small children, youth, etc. are highly encouraged to serve as gift bearers.
Time Commitment: About five minutes is required to carry out this ministry when you are scheduled to serve (approximately 4 to 6 times a year). Training can be provided.

Lector (ALL) Proclaim the Word of God at Mass. If you enjoy public speaking, reading aloud clearly, or sharing the Good News, we encourage you to check out this ministry.
Time Commitment: Initial training provided; ministers are scheduled to proclaim the Word at Mass approximately 6 to 12 times per year, pending numbers of volunteer lectors.

Rosary Leader (ALL)
Lead the Rosary prior to the beginning of Masses in all parish locations and at other various opportunities. This may also include the Moments with Mother Mary processions at certain parishes.
Time Commitment: 20 to 25 minutes when leading.

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How can I serve my parish?

Many parishioners do not know what the present needs of our communities may be, or even how to get connected with a service ministry.

Each of the ministries listed here is broken into "Service Categories". The beginning of each section will also outline *INTERESTS* that may lead you to either "re-commit" to a ministry of which you are actively serving, or to seek out a fulfilling new ministry. We all have gifts given to us by God to serve others and to also find joy in the experience!

We want all parishioners to find opportunities for growth, satisfaction, purpose, and fulfillment through service, so that the love of Christ may radiate through each person within the Jesus Our Living Water Area Faith Community.

Please read through the ministries listed and prayerfully discern in which areas God may be calling you to serve. If you have any questions, please contact the AFC Offices for more information.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

- Audio: Control the sound systems for the choirs and soloists during liturgies.
- PowerPoint/Screens: Display information onto the projection screens for liturgies and other events by advancing the PowerPoint slides.
- Video: Control the video system to record Masses, funerals, weddings, and other special events.
- Other: DMA Videos, projection, etc.

Time Commitment: The frequency of service depends on the number of volunteers and events requiring these services. Training is provided. Open to adults & responsible teens.

Environment in Worship (ALL) Assist in the design and placement of art, fabric, flowers, etc. for the worship area to decorate for the liturgical seasons of the year. Anyone with a love for art, flowers, or decorating is qualified for this ministry.
Time Commitment: Time varies. Approximately two to three hours is required prior to the Christmas and Easter seasons.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) (ALL) EMHC are needed at Weekend/Holy Day Masses. One must have received all their Sacraments of Initiation.
Time Commitment: Each parish schedules EMHC for the Mass. The frequency of service depends on the number of trained volunteers.

Funeral Altar Server (ALL) Open to anyone, especially adults, who assist the priest at funeral Masses as needed.
Time Commitment: Initial one-hour training, followed by a little more than one hour each time you are scheduled to serve. Ministers need to be available to serve on weekdays, usually in the mornings.

FAITH FORMATION - ADULT

Together Group (STM) Walk with those who have developmental disabilities as they learn about the Church through prayer, education opportunities, and fellowship, helping them to develop a sense of belonging to the parish. Volunteers are needed to assist and lead this group, and additional participants may join in the fun and learning!
Time Commitment: The group meets nine times a year for two hours each time. **Adult volunteers would need to be compliant with Diocesan Safe Environment (Virtus) requirements**.

Young Adult Ministry (ALL) Volunteers are needed to help lead, organize, and evangelize Young Adults through discernment, discipleship, bible studies, and large group events. These events serve the Young Adults of our parishes (ages 18-40) and volunteers can be of any age. Young Adults are also encouraged to volunteer to serve as peer ministers, bible study leaders, or event planners.
Time Commitment: Variable, based on role selected.

WORSHIP - LITURGY

Interests: Service, Helps, Intercessory Prayer, Teaching, Evangelism, Leadership, Faith, Pastoring, Wisdom

Altar Server—Youth and Adults (ALL) Open to all children (4th grade and up), teens, and adults who assist the priest at Mass.
Time Commitment: There is an initial one-hour training for this ministry followed by a one-hour commitment each time you are scheduled to serve.

Audio/Video/Sound/PowerPoint Technician (ALL)
Volunteers are needed to do some and/or all the following (see next page):

ABBREVIATIONS

The ministries listed in this section are performed at one or more of our parish sites. The locations are identified following the ministry name.

Abbreviation Key:
AFC *– Need volunteers from all parishes- locations may vary.*
ALL *– All three parishes have these ministries*
OLOL *– Church of Our Lady of the Lakes, Spicer*
STC *– Church of St. Clara, Clara City*
STM *– Church of St. Mary, Willmar*

There may be slight differences in ministries at each location. Upon completing the service form, the person in charge of this ministry will contact you to determine how your talents and abilities can be best utilized. Volunteers are welcome at any parish, regardless of where they are registered.

Ministries marked with a "STAR" are ministries that are in **DIRE** need of volunteers at one or more locations! If this may be an area of interest to you, please seek out more information or sign up!

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LEADERSHIP

Interests: Leadership, Administration
Setting Goals/Vision, Budgeting, Forward-Thinking, Wisdom, Service, Hospitality, Fundraising

Parish Administrative Council (ALL) is responsible for advising the pastor on the financial, spiritual, and pastoral needs of the parish. Each Parish has their own council, and representatives are nominated by the Pastor. For more information or to inquire about the needs of the Parish Administrative Council, please seek out Fr. Ron Huberty.
Time Commitment: Councils meet approximately 4-6 times a year.

Area Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Team (AFC) Area OCIA Team Members support individuals who are seeking to learn more about the Catholic Church. Members are asked to serve for a full year by attending classes, sharing their own faith journey, and/or accompanying the participants to various OCIA events. Team members may also be asked to serve as a Sponsor.
Time Commitment: Sessions are held twice a month, for three hours each, October through April/May.

Cemetery Committee (ALL) Oversee the needs and operation of the Parish Cemetery. *Note*: At St. Mary's, this committee is also called the *Building, Grounds and Cemetery Committee*, and in addition to the needs of the Parish Cemetery, they also make periodic maintenance evaluations and recommendations of parish property.
Time Commitment: All committees meet on an as-needed basis.

FAITH FORMATION - ADULT

Interests: Knowledge, Wisdom, Service, Hospitality, Evangelism, Encouragement, Mercy, Teaching, Faith, Intercessory Prayer, Leadership

Area OCIA Team (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team Members (AFC) See Page 5.

Bible Study Leader (ALL) After receiving training, one would lead a group of adults in praying and dialoguing with Scripture and/or books of the Bible, helping others to make connections between faith and daily life.
Time Commitment: Leaders facilitate a Bible Study approximately once/week for 1 ½ hours each. Leaders will be chosen for each new Bible Study. Studies vary in length.

Bible Study Participant (ALL) Join in a Bible Study opportunity with others to grow and deepen your understanding of Scripture and the Catholic faith.
Time Commitment: Various classes held during the school year. Sessions are approximately 1 ½ hours in length and held once/week. Studies vary in length.

Eucharistic Adoration Adorer (ALL) Volunteers are needed to pray with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Volunteers can take ½ hour or one-hour increments. This is a beautiful, traditional devotion that is peaceful and is a great way for one to intercede for the needs of others and/or the parish, along with the needs of the individual.

Time Commitment: ½ hour to 1 hour weekly or bi-weekly. Time frames can be variable.

Stations of the Cross Leaders (ALL) Lead others as a Lector and/or vocalist for Stations of the Cross during Lent.
Time Commitment: Once or twice during Lent, scheduled based on your availability.

FAITH FORMATION - YOUTH

Totus Tuus – Volunteers, Meal Volunteers, & Host Families (AFC) Totus Tuus is a summer program for students going into grades 1-12. College-age missionaries lead youth in prayer, songs, testimonies, games, skits, rosary, and attend Mass. Volunteers are needed to be Daytime & Evening Site Supervisors, Meal Volunteers, and Host Families for the missionaries.
Time Commitment: Variable based on the role selected. Many volunteers are needed for this week in the summer (either June or July).

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer (AFC) A VBS volunteer leads a station (snacks, crafts, songs, Bible skits, or games) or serves as a station helper. Open to adults and responsible teens.
Time Commitment: A volunteer attends a few meetings prior to VBS, and serves during the hours of VBS.

Youth Ministry Volunteer/ Youth Group Assistant (ALL) Volunteers are needed to supervise and help implement/lead the planned activities during Youth Group events. Training and materials will be provided by the Director of Youth Ministry.
Time Commitment: Volunteers sign up for specific dates according to their availability. Besides any pre-prep needed by volunteers, Youth Group occurs one Sunday/month after Mass (STM: 10-11am; OLOL: 11am-12noon; STC: To be determined.)

Youth Ministry Food Providers (ALL) Volunteers are needed to provide food items, meals, and/or baked goods for Youth Group students/volunteers for various events. These items can be donated or made on-site, pending the event.
Time Commitment: Variable based on event.

LEADERSHIP

St. Mary's Foundation Committee (STM) The committee helps in the promotion of St. Mary's Foundation and help to plan and implement the Foundation Gala.
Time Commitment: The committee meets 4-5 times per year.

Hispanic Ministry Committee (STM) is responsible for communicating with and advising the Pastor (or the Pastor's representative) on the material, spiritual, and pastoral needs of the Hispanic Community.
Time Commitment: This committee meets once/month and serves the Hispanic Community at various events as needed.

ORGANIZATIONS

Interests: Leadership, Hospitality, Service, Encouragement, Setting Goals/Vision, Knowledge, Wisdom, Fundraising, Formation, Intercessory Prayer

CUF – Catholic United Financial Parish Volunteer Council (OLOL) Catholic United Financial, a Trusted Fraternal Life brand, is a member-owned, not-for-profit Catholic fraternal organization that turns its profits into programs supporting parishes, schools, and communities. The local Parish Volunteer Council puts that mission into action through service, faith, and fellowship events. The team supports religious education and raises funds for parish causes. CUF adds seed money, event grants, and matching funds for fundraisers that benefit our Faith Formation program. Membership is open to Catholic United Financial policy holders.
Time commitment: Flexible and based on your schedule. Involvement centers on upcoming events.

CCW – Council of Catholic Women (OLOL) CCW provides women of OLOL opportunities to grow in faith, prayer, fellowship, and service. CCW works to support the needs of our parish and community and to put our Catholic faith into action. CCW also takes the lead in organizing the annual OLOL Fall Festival.
Time Commitment: Large-group meetings are held quarterly. Hospitality Sundays are held once a month, and other activities take place on an as-needed basis. Members are encouraged to participate and serve according to their availability/interests.

D of I - Daughters of Isabella (STM) A fraternal organization of Catholic women founded on these principles: Unity, Friendship, and Charity. D of I members participate in spiritual activities, grow in friendship, fundraise for worthy charitable causes, and are involved in church and community projects. Open to all women of the AFC.
Time Commitment: Meetings are held once a month, but one can attend as frequently as desired. Members are encouraged to share their talents, wisdom, and experience with others through prayer and fellowship.

KC's - Knights of Columbus (ALL) The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men that is focused on Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. The organization supports numerous local charities and the church itself. The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community, and country. Any Catholic man is welcome to join.
Time commitment: It can be as little as 1-2 hours per month or more if desired. Meetings are one evening a month with opportunities to volunteer throughout the year.

FAITH FORMATION - YOUTH

Interests: Leadership, Education, Hospitality, Service, Encouragement, Knowledge, Wisdom, Faith, Prayer, Evangelism, Teaching

Note: Faith Formation classes are offered at all three parish locations (OLOL, STC, and STM). Volunteers are welcomed - and needed - from each parish.

All volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults need to be compliant with Diocesan Safe Environment (Virtus) requirements.

Catechists/Substitute Catechists (ALL)
A Catechist/Substitute Catechist passes on the Catholic faith to the youth of the area faith community through our Faith Formation program. Curriculum, calendar, materials, training, and ongoing support are provided by the Area Director of Faith Formation and local Site Coordinators.
Time Commitment: A catechist teaches 60-75 minutes each class period, starting in September and ending in May. Time frame varies based on grade level and parish location.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (ALL) Lead children ages 3-6 through an age-appropriate lesson from the Sunday Gospel.
Time Commitment: This ministry takes place during the Sunday morning Mass from September through May. Volunteers sign up based on their availability.

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Homebound Visitor (ALL) Bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass for various reasons. Offer support, reassurance, and friendship for those who are homebound. Visitors help identify community resources that may be available. No hands-on nursing takes place. **Volunteers must be compliant with Diocesan Safe Environment (Virtus) requirements**.
Time Commitment: Will vary based on number of requests made. Visits last between 30-60 minutes approximately once/week, depending on the situation.

Wedding Coordinator (OLOL, STM) Coordinators meet with the couple and be present before and during the wedding to help them through their wedding ceremony.
Time Commitment: Each coordinator is scheduled two to three times a year and spends from six to eight hours on the day of the wedding.

Wednesday Faith Formation Meals (ALL) Volunteers will help prepare meals that are served at the parish for youth and families on the Wednesday night(s) of Faith Formation. The tasks range from setting up the facility, bringing, serving, or preparing food, and cleaning up afterward.
Time Commitment: The time commitment will vary by parish.

Widows/Widowers Group (AFC) Group for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse. Leaders are needed to help coordinate simple gatherings to foster friendship and support.
Time Commitment: Variable.

St. Clara Women's Mission Circle (STC) The Mission Circle organizes parish fellowship events, fundraising, and community outreach—such as the annual fall festival, coffee and rolls socials after Sunday Mass, craft and bake sales, and collection drives for the mission in San Lucas and other local needs. Open to all women of St. Clara.
Time Commitment: Variable, based on your schedule and upcoming events.

St. Mary's Parish Society (STM) Provides parishioners with opportunities to serve throughout the year in various parish and community events. One of the Society's main activities is the parish Fall Festival and assisting the St. Mary's Foundation Committee with the Foundation's Gala event. Open to all men and women of St. Mary.
Time Commitment: Variable, based on schedules and upcoming events.

PARISH SERVICE

Interests: Hospitality, Service, Helps, Encouragement, Wisdom, Faith, Evangelism, Intercessory Prayer, Craftsmanship

Chat & Craft (STM) A social gathering of individuals who like to visit, craft, and meet others. You can bring in your own craft projects, work on craft projects for the parishes, or make craft items to take home. Open to members from any parish.
Time Commitment: First Thursday of the month in the afternoon. Come whenever you can!

Facility/Event Set-Up (ALL) Volunteers are needed to help set up tables and chairs and re-set the facility after an event.
Time Commitment: Varies for each event and parish.

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Funeral Meals (ALL) Volunteers will serve and clean up the food for funeral luncheons held at the parish, while providing a smiling face and comfort to the family.
Time Commitment: Varies by parish.

Light Maintenance – Parish Properties (ALL) Volunteers will perform minor maintenance repairs at parish properties. This could include carpentry, painting, etc.
Time Commitment: The time commitment will vary by parish and project.

Money Counter (ALL) Volunteers count weekend contributions. Volunteers must apply, have a satisfactory credit check, and complete diocesan forms.
Time Commitment: Volunteers spend 1-1½ hours each time they are scheduled.

Office Help (AFC) Help with mailings, bulletin inserts, and worship aids by collating, inserting, and sorting for postal requirements. Periodic help answering office phones when staff is on vacation is also needed.
Time Commitment: These tasks require someone who is available during normal office hours. Volunteers are needed multiple times throughout the year, and you can choose when to accept timeframes as they are offered.

Phone Caller for Service Units (STM) Individuals or families are needed to call volunteers from the monthly service units to enlist help with upcoming activities.
Time Commitment: These calls are made monthly.

Prayer Network (ALL) Pray for the requested needs of our parishioners. You may also be asked to share the prayer request with others on the prayer network. You must be able to maintain confidentiality of prayer requests.
Time Commitment: Variable.

Prayer Shawl Ministry (STM) Offer prayers while you knit or crochet a shawl which is then distributed to others who would benefit from the warmth and prayers that come with the shawl. Open to members from any parish.
Time Commitment: Must be able to follow a simple knitting or crochet pattern.

Quilting Group (STM) A social group that offers prayers while creating tied/stitched quilts, which are then distributed to those in need and local charities in the area. Open to members from any parish.
Time Commitment: Meets weekly on Tuesday mornings. Come when you can! No quilting experience needed.

Spring/Fall Clean- Up (OLOL, STM) Volunteers are needed to help clean up parish properties – for example: raking, trimming, washing walls, and general sprucing up of the grounds and facilities.
Time Commitment: The clean-ups vary by parish, but are held approximately 1-2 times per year, and volunteers help for about 3-4 hours.

Sunday Hospitality/Sunday Socials (STM) Coordinate and/or volunteer to serve coffee, juice, rolls, doughnuts, or other meals after Masses on Saturday or Sunday.
Time Commitment: Workers spend an hour or two when serving.

Tuesday's Table (OLOL) Tuesday's Table is a weekly community meal open to everyone. Volunteers are needed to help set up the Gathering Space, serve the meal, deliver meals to the homebound, and clean up afterwards.
Time Commitment: Our Lady of the Lakes hosts the meal on the first Tuesday of each month. Volunteers are welcome for as many or as few hours as they can give.