

# FAITH IN ACTION

2016 MINISTRY CATALOG





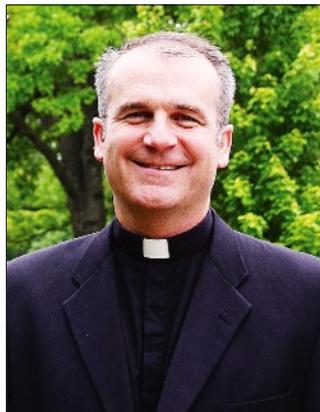
## Father Jack: Encounter the person of Jesus at the Church of Saint Mary

*While they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable...He said: "A man of noble birth went to a faraway country to become its king, and then return. He summoned ten of his servants and gave them sums of ten talents each, saying to them, 'Invest this until I get back'..." Luke 19:12-13*

Most of us have heard this parable of the talents and if you are reading this, you are considering involvement in some aspect of parish ministry. In the parable, each servant did something with the talents entrusted by the master. Some used them with increase, trusting the master's trust in them. One had no change in the initial gift and merely buried it out of fear. The servants' response to the master was rooted in the relationship already established—one of either trust or fear.

At the heart of every ministry involvement is first and foremost the need to encounter our loving God and grow in a trusting relationship. This always involves a greater call to personal conversion and change. It is not a single action, but must become our way of life. Even before we try to make a difference in the lives of others or the world, involvement in a ministry must be such that it changes and transforms our lives first—that is the starting point.

What follows from our own ongoing transformation is the possibility of life-giving cooperation with God's grace. Our participation in ministry enables us to look to Christ and to



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walk with Him in such a way that we might find Christ in every aspect of our daily living, "to preach the gospel at all times and to use words if necessary," to quote Saint Francis.

As Christian stewards who have received God's gifts gratefully, we are called to tend our gifts responsibly and share them in justice and love with others. While being a steward of God's gifts begins at home, it naturally extends to the parish, the workplace, the local community, the diocese, the universal church and the entire global community.

Listed here are various ministry areas at the Church of Saint Mary that provide the opportunity to share your gifts with others beyond the confines of your household. I invite you to take time to consider the various ministry areas and the unique opportunity each of them brings to encounter the person of Jesus and the continued call to a lived and tangible life of discipleship.

The Lord has entrusted us with talents, the only question is if we will return them with increase or not?

## Why Stewardship?

Stewardship is the grateful response of the Christian Steward, who recognizes and receives all gifts from God, and shares those gifts out of love for God and neighbor. As members of the Church of Saint Mary, a stewardship parish, we are called to bring glory to God in all things – in our families, schools, places of work, communities and within our parish through the strength that God supplies. Annually the Church of Saint Mary presents each one of us with an opportunity to evaluate our awareness of our God-given gifts that Peter writes about in Sacred Scripture.

The logical next question to ponder is how well we use these God-given gifts. In other words, to what degree are we living a stewardship way of life? At the Church of Saint Mary stewardship is lived not as a program or simple participation in an event or project. Rather, as Christian Stewards, parishioners of the Church of Saint Mary are invited to actively participate in this radical way of living that creates a giving climate of love and acceptance among all.

*'As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

*1 Peter 4:10-11*

As a Christian Steward each one of us owns the hard work of not only striving to live out this way of life but also to evangelize this way of life to those around us. We do this first all within the confines of our families – our individual domestic churches. Each family helps the other to recognize all of the gifts that we receive from God. Everything we have, what we are, what we do – even our very lives – flows from God's love. Acknowledging God as the source of everything Stewardship no longer is an option – it is the only response possible.

The Ministry Catalog provides information about the organizations, activities, and ministries that are active at the Church of Saint Mary. There are opportunities to connect and build relationship, grow in knowledge and awareness of God's generosity and love, share in fellowship, worship and service, and journey together as a parish family rooted in faith, hope and charity. God invites your prayerful self-examination and discernment on how you might continue to grow as a Christian disciple in the year ahead as together we live out a stewardship way of life at the Church of Saint Mary.

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### ACTS RETREATS

These retreats help participants enter into a new or deeper relationship with Christ and with one another and a team of parishioners. Participants hear of the experiences of God's presence and of answered prayer; have the freedom to openly discuss their real spiritual questions; see the relevant application of the Gospel in the lives of fellow parishioners; and witness first-hand how faith is authentically lived out.

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### ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Bible Study educates the mind and forms the heart through encounter with the Word of God. Bible study opportunities are offered throughout the year meeting on Tuesday evenings, Thursday mornings and Sunday mornings. Whether participating or leading a session growing in knowledge of Sacred Scripture draws us ever closer to God. Check the bulletin and pulpit announcements for information on upcoming studies.

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### ADULT FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Our team provides increased opportunities for adults to learn about our Catholic faith and build community. Team members assist with our leadership team, facilitate small group discussions, and help with hospitality. Catholic faith formation doesn't end with Confirmation; it is an ongoing process that lasts a lifetime.

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### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration is a peaceful and powerful experience of prayer as the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar of our Marian Chapel every Thursday evening from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm and from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on the first Friday of each month. "One of the oldest customs in the Church can certainly bring you face to face with Jesus. Bring your rosary or favorite reading to silently pray or meditate on scriptures of the day. Write your thoughts or a letter to God in your journal. Sit in stillness as you open yourself to the Holy Spirit's calling. Come in, appear before the Lord and He will take care of the time you spend there; don't worry about doing it right or wrong. Parishioners are invited to drop in any time during adoration. First Friday adoration requires continual coverage and parishioners are invited to sign up to make a commitment to a specific time.

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### ALTAR LINEN CARE

This group contributes to the beauty of our liturgical celebrations by providing clean linens as a sign of respect and reverence. Volunteers serve approximately three times a year on a scheduled rotating basis. Duties include weekly washing, ironing and folding the purificators, corporals, finger towels and albs.

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### ALTAR SERVERS

The youth of our parish help set the tone for a prayerful and reverent experience at our weekend Sunday Masses and holy days of obligation. The altar server assist the presider at our Liturgical Celebrations. Parish youth in grades 5 through high school can participate in this ministry at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass, 10:30 am. Sunday Mass and the Sunday evening Mass, and other special occasions. Training is required and scheduled at convenient times for parents.

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### BAPTISMAL GARMENTS

Parishioners who like to sew provide an everlasting keepsake for the newly baptized through a gesture of hospitality and service with hand sewn baptismal garments that are presented to those being baptized. If you like to sew, we invite you to use your skills in making baptismal garments for babies and small children of the parish.

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### BULK MAIL TEAM

The team augments the work of parish office secretary to label, stuff and prepare large parish-wide mailings from the parish office.

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### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

CLOW models the profession of faith and underscore the importance of Sacred Scripture in our weekend Mass for the young children of our parish. The Children's Liturgy of the Word catechist teams plan and lead this young children-oriented Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children K-2nd grade follow the catechists to the Marian Chapel to read and discuss the scripture at an age-appropriate level. The children return to the church for the Liturgy of the Eu-

charist. Adults commit to at least one weekend per month and service opportunities are available for students in 8th grade and older to support the adult catechists.

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### COFFEE AND DONUTS

*Coffee and Donuts is a hospitality ministry of the parish hosted by various ministries throughout the year. No need to register - nothing to join. Simply listen for the announcement at Mass and come and enjoy some fellowship and conversation over a cup of a hot beverage while enjoying a donut and some fresh fruit.*

### COMMUNITY GARDEN

Participants plant, nurture, and cultivate freshly home grown produce to augment the parish Social Justice pantry for those in need in our community. Ministry members respond in gratitude through their love of gardening and their desire to serve the poor by providing healthy options to those who otherwise would go without by maintaining and preparing the beds and planting, weeding, watering and harvesting the crops throughout the growing season.

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### CULINARY ANGELS

This group of parishioners reflects Christ's love through service to senior adults of our parish by planning, preparing and hosting luncheons throughout the year. These fun and festive gatherings build community as ministry members share their gifts of hospitality and service through their love of cooking. Ministry members need to be available during that day in order to participate.

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### ENCORE

*Encore is a ministry to adults 55+ at the Church of Saint Mary that offers opportunities to grow spiritually, socially and in service to others. Encore hosts many programs: retreats, yoga, tutoring grade school children, speaker seminars, the Home Improvement Ministry, bus tours, and more. You do not join Encore; once you are 55 years old, you are part of Encore and will receive information about our ministry.*

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### ENCORE YOGA

*This activity is a restorative yoga physical exercise class for people age 55 and older that builds strength, flexibility and balance and ends with a short Catholic spiritual reflection. Participants can either stay in the chair or move to the floor. It is beneficial for all regardless of their ability. Class meets every Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 a.m. in Beckerle Hall.*

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### EVANGELIZATION &

#### APOLOGETICS

This ministry forms the heart of disciples through the teaching of practical ways to share our relationship with Jesus Christ to bring people to inquiry and conversion to Jesus as their Lord and Savior in the tradition of the Catholic expression of faith. Apologetics is taught on many levels and subjects: The Eucharist; Mary; Jesus' Divinity; Justification and Salvation; Purgatory; Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium; Right to Life and much more. All ages are invited from middle school to adults as we grow more confident in our beliefs and learn how to share the Good News of our faith as we journey together as disciples of Christ.

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### FAMILY OFFERTORY GIFT

#### BEARERS

Each week, a parish family presents the gifts at the offertory during Mass, symbolically representing the congregation's offering of self to the Lord. When those bringing forward the gifts of the community include a family with children, it is a special sight; one that reminds us that all of us, no matter our age, are important members of the body of Christ and all of our gifts are desired by the Lord.

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### FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY

These parish cooks offer compassion, support and hospitality to bereaved families through preparation and service of funeral meals served by rotating teams. Opportunities include being part of a meal preparation team, serving as a funeral luncheon coordinating chairman, or serving as a team captain.

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### GOOD SAMARITAN NURSING

#### HOME VISITATION

Good Samaritan ministry addresses the question of Christ, 'Who is our neighbor?' by bringing Christ to the neglected and lonely non-Catholic residents of long term care facilities within our parish boundaries. Members foster relationships through regular, one-on-one, visits based on the resident's interests and needs as modeled in the story of the Good Samaritan.

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## **GREETERS**

Greeters create an inviting welcome to all arriving for the weekend Mass. This is a great opportunity for busy families to serve together.

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## **HEAVENLY HOSTS**

The Heavenly Hosts extend hospitality at various Parish functions and receptions throughout the year, i.e. missions, parish picnic, etc. by providing and serving homemade baked goods, hors d'oeuvres and snacks.

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## **HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION**

During our year of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we will use the Decision Point Confirmation Program created by The Dynamic Catholic Institute to help our teens and their parents experience the Gospel in a fresh, intriguing, relevant, compelling and attractive way. In Confirmation we are enriched by the Holy Spirit and we receive the grace to respond and cooperate with God by learning how to articulate the Catholic faith and by being more perfectly bound to Jesus Christ and the Church. High School Confirmation takes place during the junior year for our high school teens and meets on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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## **HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION**

### **TEAM**

Parents and other parish adults help our youth become the best version of themselves through mentoring, prayer, and open dialogue with the Confirmation candidates. Parents and other adult parishioners work with the Youth Ministry to create an atmosphere of welcome and acceptance by their participation in several different ministries.

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## **HOME IMPROVEMENT MINISTRY**

Home Improvement Ministry is a service ministry coordinated by Encore. This ministry assists parishioners in need of help with minor home repairs. All men of the parish are encouraged to join this dynamic service ministry. Workdays are once every four months on a Saturday morning. If parishioners need assistance between workdays, volunteers are available.

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## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Our K of C Council No. 13313 fosters spiritual fraternity opportunities and structured service activities for men of the Church of Saint Mary by belonging to this great Catholic organization.

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## **LECTORS**

The ministry of Lector at our Sunday Masses, at Holy Days of Obligation, and Triduum Liturgies proclaims the experience of the presence in the Word, our loving God who invites the assembly to hear and respond to His Word in their daily living.

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## **LEGION OF MARY**

Legionaries are part of a world-wide Catholic lay organization who work under the banner of Mary our Mother

and at the direction of our pastor. Our work is evangelization with a two-fold focus: first the spiritual formation and growth of our members reinforced through our commitment to lead the rosary in our parish so that we are better prepared to address and succeed at our second focus – to share that spirituality with others. Ministry members do this by visiting nursing homes, hospitals and the homebound to bring the Eucharist and pray with the sick and the dying. We actively seek out fallen away Catholics and the un-Churched by going door-to-door and inviting them to experience the love of God through the expression of the Catholic faith as explained in literature and various religious items that we distribute.

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## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

*Lenten Soup Suppers is a hospitality program of the parish organized by the parish staff and hosted by various ministries throughout Lent. Check the website and bulletin for the Lenten schedule of soup suppers. Come and enjoy a variety of meat-free homemade soups and fellowship with other parishioners. Followed by Stations of the Cross.*

## **MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS**

The mission is to support our priests in prayer and pray that they all may consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary so she may guide them in her Son Jesus' mission in this world. We meet at 1:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month in the Marian Chapel.

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## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

This is a married-couple to engaged-couple ministry that helps prepare an engaged couple for the Sacrament of Marriage. The sponsor couple is matched with the engaged couple and offers a Christ-like example by

providing a positive model of the domestic church. The couples meet over a period of time and are guided by topics presented in the "For Better, Forever" marriage preparation workbook. Sponsor couples are approved by the Pastor.

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### MARYFAIR WEEKEND

*Our annual parish community celebration is the biggest weekend of the year at the Church of Saint Mary. This fall event honoring Mary, our parish's patron saint, is organized and staffed by parishioners and school families and held on the church campus. The festivities kick off with a dinner and action gala held on Saturday, where parishioners and friends gather for an evening of fun and fellowship. Funds raised from this event are essential in keeping Catholic education more affordable, and for accomplishing needed improvements to our parish facilities. The celebration continues on Sunday with a free parish picnic featuring lunch, games and activities for all ages.*

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### MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Mothers of Young Children's mission is to support mothers raising children in the Catholic faith through fellowship and prayer. We strive to be a welcoming resource for mothers' physical, emotional, and spiritual well being as they experience both the rewards and challenges of caring for young children.

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### MUSIC MINISTRIES

The Music Ministry enhances the liturgical celebrations by providing holy, God-centered, and prayerful musical accompaniment that reflects the Body of Christ and the beauty of God's creation. The Music Ministry contributes to the mission of the Church by magnifying and illuminating the Eucharist in context of the Mass, lending dignity and solemnity to the presence of Christ in our Church. The Music Ministry uplifts the mind and soul to bring the assembled congregation closer to Christ in the Eucharist and increases the longing to be forever with Christ in heaven.

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### MUSIC: ADULT CHOIR

The Choir uplifts and enhances our liturgies during the 10:30 a.m. Mass and during other special liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Our musical repertoire includes polyphonic masterpieces, exciting spirituals and beautiful contemporary works. The Adult Choir always welcomes new voices to join our choir family, and singers of all skill level and backgrounds are welcomed. Our Director of Music can provide vocal assessment or more information to any interested parishioners.

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### MUSIC: CANTORS &

### INSTRUMENTALISTS

Our parish musicians contribute to the prayer life of our church through the gift of instrumental and vocal music. Guitarists, keyboardists and an other

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### MUSIC: CHRISTMAS MASS

### FAMILY CHOIR

This special choir contributes to the sacred liturgy of the Mass at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil and is open to everyone—singles, kids, youth and parents. This once-a-year choir rehearses each Sunday in December following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

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### MUSIC: ELEMENTARY

### CHILDREN'S VOCAL CHOIR

Our children lead the assembled congregation in songful prayer at weekend Mass 6 to 7 times during the school year. This choir meets once a week after school and is open to children grades 1-5. Choir members learn the basics of vocal technique and music reading skills. Enrollment forms are available beginning mid-August.

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### MUSIC: HANDBELL CHOIRS

The joyful sound of handbells accompany our liturgies throughout the year but are especially highlighted at Christmas and Easter. Playing handbells is a great way for persons of all ages and abilities to contribute to the musical life of the parish, and have fun while doing it! You can learn to read music, improve your rhythm and challenge your coordination. Our handbell group for beginners and families/children is the MaryBells, and our advanced/adult handbell choir is the MaryRingers. Depending on your musi-

cal experience we can help you decide on which group is right for you. Both groups rehearse weekly in the fall and spring and perform at Mass approximately once a month.

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### **MUSIC: YOUTH CHOIR**

The Youth Choir leads the congregation in song and worship with the praise band during our Sunday evening youth Masses. This ministry is open to any junior high or high school aged youth who desire feel called to serve the Lord with their talents and gifts of music.

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### **NEWCOMERS COMMITTEE**

This group welcomes new members to the parish with an initial phone call and promotes the concept of a stewardship way of life by sharing information and answering questions. This ministry also hosts welcome receptions for new members three times during the year to foster a sense of belonging and to inform new members about various parish ministries and events, and to invite involvement of new members to grow as Christian stewards through their participation.

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### **NURSERY MINISTRY**

The Nursery staff creates a safe, loving, Christ filled environment for the children of the parish. They guide the children through play, snack, faith activities, and prayer. You must be 16 years or older to apply to work in the Nursery. Pay is \$10 an hour. New Hires are required take a VIRTUS class provided by the Diocese, attend a training session, and have a background check before performing child care duties.

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### **PASTORAL CARE VISITATION**

This prayer and hospitality ministry performed by lay Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion provides the vital connection of sacramental life to those unable to join our parish community for Sunday liturgy. Pastoral Care Visitation ministers bring Christ's love to Catholic parishioners in nursing or private homes in the gift of the Eucharist and keep those unable to attend Sunday services informed about Parish events and functions.

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### **PRAYER NETWORK**

This community of prayerful parishioners provides spiritual support to parishioners and the community through the power of prayer. Requests for prayers are passed along to network members via email, telephone call or text message based on preference. Prayer requests come in many forms and needs including prayers for the lonely, afraid, sick, crisis, healing, or any number of circumstances. Each Prayer Network minister has the freedom to choose a form of prayer when seeking the in-breaking of God on a particular situation. Members have found a deepening of their own faith and a strengthening of fellowship and community as they lift up prayer on behalf of parishioners to God.

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### **READING PARTNERS**

Become a Saint Mary Reading Partner and make a difference in a child's future. Reading Partners provides one-on-one tutoring to elementary school students reading below grade level to help them succeed in school and life. Volunteers work with students at Marshall Elementary for at least one hour per week using a structured and easy to use curriculum. Hours are flexible, and no prior experience is required.

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### **ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

The Rosary Prayer group strives to create a prayerful, reverent atmosphere in the church naive by praying the Rosary thirty minutes before each weekend Mass. Ministry members take turns praying a decade of the Rosary.

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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR**

#### **CHILDREN**

Our religious education program provides classes for children in preschool through fifth grade on Sunday mornings during the school year. These classes present the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Faith while supporting parents in their role as their children's main teacher of our Faith. Ministry participants can volunteer as catechists or aides. They serve as mentors, faith-sharers, and models for how to respond to our call to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Materials and training is provided; the only requirement is a love for children and a strong Catholic Faith.

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### **RCIA-RITE OF CHRISTIAN**

#### **INITIATION OF ADULTS**

RCIA is the program of inquiry and catechesis for persons wanting to learn more about Catholic beliefs and teachings, especially for those desiring to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

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## [RCIA TEAM AND SPONSORS](#)

RCIA sponsors are active Catholics willing to accompany inquirers of the Catholic faith journeying together as the full richness of the Catholic faith tradition is revealed, discussed and prayed. The team and sponsors are ambassadors of hospitality for the Church of Saint Mary creating a welcoming and accepting environment for those wanting to learn more about what Catholics believe. Sponsors, in particular, walk along side the inquirers telling of their own journey growing as disciples of Jesus and listening to the story of faith of the inquirer. There are a number of practical ways in which you can help us achieve this goal. Team members can help with hospitality, lead small group discussions, sponsor an initiate or teach.

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## [RCIC-RITE OF CHRISTIAN](#)

### [INITIATION FOR CHILDREN](#)

RCIC is a process whereby children ages 7-14 who are supporting in this journey by a parent, seek baptism and/or full communion in the Catholic Church through a profession of faith and receipt of the other Sacraments of Initiation - Confirmation and Holy Communion. Children work with trained catechist in instruction about the Catholic faith and are given the fundamental knowledge of the faith to be prepared for a life-long journey of discipleship with Jesus in the Catholic tradition.

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## [SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION](#)

Catechesis for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist is provided for students in the 2nd grade. Parents, guided by the Director of Sacramental Preparation in alignment with the Pastor, participate in sacramental catechetical programs with their young children. Catechist and hospitality opportunities exist for parishioners to assist with sacramental preparation

by preparing materials, mentoring parents and students as necessary and serving refreshments and snacks during sacramental preparation sessions.

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## [SACRISTANS](#)

Our sacristans help maintain a welcoming preparation space for our priests, deacons and servers by cleaning the sacristies on Wednesdays and Saturdays on a scheduled rotating basis.

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## [SCOUTING: BOY SCOUTS](#)

Boy Scouts serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law. Boy Scout Troop 173 is chartered by the Church of Saint Mary and offers year-round adventurous activities for boys 11 years to adulthood. Adult volunteers needed and welcomed.

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## [SCOUTING: CUB SCOUTS](#)

Cub Scouts, a part of Boys Scouts of America, is a year-round program designed for boys in 1st-5th grades. Parents and leaders help boys develop character, model Christian values, and follow the Scout Oath. Chartered by the Church of St. Mary, Cub Scout Pack 173 activities include monthly pack and den meetings, outdoor activities, and community service. Adult volunteers are needed and welcomed.

**Jeana Sutton 918-605-9651,**  
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## [SCOUTING: GIRL SCOUTS](#)

Girl Scouts are comprised of Daisies, Brownies, Junior, and Cadette Girl Scout Troops are chartered by the Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma and builds girls of courage, confidence, and

character who make the world a better place. Their year-round activities are available to School of Saint Mary students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The only currently active troops are the 1st Grade Daisies led by Erin Dailey and Jenni Haynes, and Kindergarten Daisies led by Cantina Abbott.

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## [SAINT MARY PRAYER MOMS](#)

Our prayer moms are dedicated to weekly prayer for the students, teachers, and administrators of the School of Saint Mary. These ministers support prayer life in the school, pray for special intentions and lift up the students and teachers and administrators, by name, in prayer each Friday morning of the school year from 8 am to 9 am in the Parish Library.

**Courtney Leonard**  
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**Laurie Davie okiedavie@cox.net**

## [SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY](#)

The School of Saint Mary exists to carry out the educational mission of the Church. Our task is to educate students with a commitment which involves peace, justice, and human rights, according to Gospel principles and Catholic tradition. We strive to promote academic excellence, to be responsible stewards, and to motivate students to give generously of self in an attitude of Christian charity.

**Maureen Clements 918-749-9361**  
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## [SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY](#)

### [ADVISORY COUNCIL](#)

*The Advisory Council of the School of Saint Mary (School Board) serves as an advisory committee to the pastor and principal with regard to school issues. Members are appointed by the pastor. The committee meets monthly to discuss issues concerning the school,*

school finances and future growth and improvement.

**Michael Dailey** [mdailey01@gmail.com](mailto:mdailey01@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY HOME AND SCHOOL

*Home & School supports the parents as primary teacher of our children in the way of faith by supporting the stewardship way of life for school families through the creation of opportunities for grateful responses as Christian stewards of the God-given gifts we have been freely given out of love for God and neighbor. As the largest ministry of the Church of Saint Mary school families contribute to the sacramental life of our parish, promote the values of stewardship and the goals of the School of Saint Mary through active participation in weekly Sunday Mass, support of periodic days of Eucharistic Adoration, encouragement of frequent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, volunteering time in service and recognizing and promoting the financial support of the parish. Home and School also augments the financial support of the school through the operation of the School Spirit Store and other fundraising activities benefiting the school. This ministry is for parents of students registered at the School of Saint Mary.*

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## SERVICE & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

This group designs and implements direct service and formation (spiritual and educational) activities to serve our neighbors. Past activities include Day of Service, Clear Creek Monastery Work Day, 5 for 5 Lenten Challenge, and the parish Blood Drive. The committee meets the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in serving Christ's "least of these."

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## SMALL GROUP FAITH SHARING

These gatherings of small groups allow parishioners of the Church of Saint Mary to share their faith with others and to grow together in community. Using prayer, shared experiences and exploration of faith, these small groups can create a sense of community, in a smaller setting, that enhances the life of the entire parish.

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

This committee enables our parish response to Jesus' call to serve "the least among us," the Social Justice Committee strives to raise parishioners awareness to issues of moral concern and justice and peace as they relate to our parish, our community, our state and our world. The committee helps the less fortunate with immediate needs for food, financial assistance, transportation, or medical assistance. Among this ministry's focus, the Committee sponsors a Christmas Gift Giving project and prepares and co-hosts an annual Christmas luncheon at the Day Center for the Homeless.

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## STAND IN THE GAP

Open and caring volunteers team up to make a spiritual family for a neighbor in need. This neighbor could be a widow, a teen transitioning out of the Foster Care system, a woman prisoner transitioning out of prison or any person going through a difficult life change. All of these "neighbors in need" must be tested to meet specific criteria, most importantly being Christian. Once the family is formed, they meet twice a month (90 mins. per meeting) with the Neighbor in Need for a year. During the meetings we open in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to be with us during the meeting as we all share what is happening in our lives. This includes the good as well as the bad. We offer support, suggestions

and prayer to our fellow family members.

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## STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

*This council is a resource to all ministries to help fulfill the mission of the Church through forming disciples at the Church of Saint Mary through the pillars of stewardship. The Stewardship Council works to encourage parishioners to respond to God's call to share of their gifts in love of God and neighbor. Members are appointed.*

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## SUPPER CLUB

*Supper Club is a Hospitality ministry giving adult members of the parish an opportunity to become acquainted while sharing meals in one another's homes. The Supper Club ministry leaders organize groups of eight (including couples and singles) twice a year. If you would like to participate, watch for registration announcements in the bulletin in July and January for the fall and spring sessions.*

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## THEOLOGY UNCORKED

This lively ministry is a monthly social gathering of Adults age 21 and up in Beckerle Hall to learn about a wide variety of theology topics and different aspects of wine. Following a presentation on a particular wine and a wine tasting sample is a theology presentation usually conducted by a priest or someone from the religious community. An opportunity for discussion follows. Participants in this ministry must be adults 21 and older.

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## TU NEWMAN CENTER LUNCH

Women's ministry coordinates the T.U. Newman Center Tuesday lunch for

Catholic students twice a year. Volunteers cook, serve, and coordinate the lunches.

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### USHERS

Our Ushers promote a welcoming, managed and safe environment for the congregation at our weekend liturgies and at special events like the annual Parish Lenten Mission. In particular ushers are trained to notice those new to the parish and to proactively welcome them, assist with logistics of services and navigating the physical campus, help with registration forms and answer general questions about the parish. Ushers direct the flow of the congregation throughout the liturgy including dismissal and re-entry of groups such as RCIA and Children's Liturgy of the Word, facilitate the collection and presentation of the offertory collection, and help communicate the ministry opportunities in the parish through the distribution of forms, bulletins, and flyers. Ushers are trained on emergency procedures and protocol and are diligent observers during the course of services to maintain order and circumvent disruptions or intrusions

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

VBS is a short summer religion program for children in pre-school through 8th grade. VBS includes music, games, Bible stories, crafts and service opportunities for older youth.

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### VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Members of this committee promote the prayerful discernment of God's will in our lives by encouraging commitment by parishioners to bring the traveling Crucifix and Chalice into their homes and pray for vocations. In addition this ministry sponsors programs to foster and support priests, brothers, permanent deacons, seminarians, religious and novices, and married life as leaders of our parish and is also the

sponsor of the Thursday Holy Hour of Adoration, Benediction and Rosary in the Marian Chapel at 5:30 pm.

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### VOLUNTEER OFFICE

#### RECEPTIONISTS

Our receptionists are an important component of hospitality at the Church of Saint Mary serving as an initial point of contact for the parish by answering the phone and greeting persons who visit the Parish Office.

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### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

*Women's Ministry offers all adult women parishioners opportunities to grow in their relationship with God through joy-filled prayer, friendship, and service. Women's Ministry is not a club to join, but a group that you already belong to if you are a woman 21 or older! We host many programs throughout the year including Wine Down with Art, Advent by Candlelight, Galentine's Party, New Year's Morning Retreat, quarterly book discussions, and a semiannual service project, providing lunch to the TU Newman Center.*

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### YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults between the ages of 21-39 gather as a community of singles, marrieds and young parents of families to build friendships, lend spiritual support to one another in prayer and respond together in grateful service by sharing the gifts they have received from God out of love for Him, for one another, for the parish and at-large Tulsa community. This group gathers for service, prayer and social opportunities.

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### YOUTH GROUP (MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL)

Our Middle School & High School Youth Groups are an awesome place for our youth to hang out with friends, have lots of fun, eat lots of food, and grow deeper in their faith lives while learning to become disciples of Jesus Christ. Middle School Youth Nights take place on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. following the Sunday Evening Mass. High School Youth Nights take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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### YOUTH GROUP DISCIPLESHIP TEAM

Members of this team are committed to ongoing mutual discipleship with either our Middle School or High School youth. The mentoring component of Youth Ministry at the Church of Saint Mary follows a discipleship approach that fosters an accompaniment model that brings our youth together, guided by the Discipleship Team comprised of parents and other adult parishioners, creating an environment of acceptance and trust. This is the approach Christ taught us. While having the vision to reach the entire world, He did so by investing in a few. Those disciples then invested in others in order to make more disciples.

Discipleship Team members work with the Youth Minister to plan and execute our weekly Youth Nights, lead



Discipleship Small Groups during Youth Nights, and support our youth by participating in other youth events throughout the year. The Team meets at least once a month to pray, fellowship and plan.

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### **YOUTH GROUP CORE**

#### **TEAMS**

Our Core Team members give of themselves through a variety of ministries including Food, Games, Hospitality, Photography, Graphic Design, as well as the mentoring component of Youth Ministry.

These ministries are vital to the success of our Youth Program and are a great way to demonstrate for our youth Christ's call to serve. The Core Team is comprised of parents and other adult parishioners who work with the Youth Minister to plan and execute our Youth Nights and mentor our youth.

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Deacon Rich Bender, *Director of Pastoral Care and Faith Formation*  
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Maxine Coats, *Parish Secretary*  
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Hilary Elias, *Justice and Peace Ministry*  
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Christine Hassink, *Nursery Coordinator*  
Karen Hiller, *Associate Music Director*  
Valerie Howard, *Director of Children's Religious Education (nursery-5th grade)*  
Blake Lawson, *Director of Youth Ministry*  
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Lyndon Meyer, *Director of Music and Organist*  
Jake Szoeka, *Contemporary Music*  
Jennifer Wood, *Director of Development*

