

St. Catherine of Siena Church
2009-2010 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

DIRECTIONS: *Please sign up for any current activities you wish to continue, as well as any new activities.*

★★ Especially Needed

TIME & TALENT
Sharing My Talents with Others

Stewardship invites us to use our talents for our parish in order to build up the kingdom of God on earth. If you volunteer for an activity, the program leader will contact you with further details.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Altar Server. Serve at weekend Mass. All ages 7 through adult are welcome. Especially needed at 5 P.M. Saturday and 11:30 A.M. Sunday.

Minister of Communion. Distribute Communion at weekend or holy day Mass. Age 15 and up. Especially needed at 5 P.M. Saturday and 11:30 A.M. Sunday.

Greeter/Usher. Arrive 15 minutes prior to weekend Mass to welcome people at church entrances, help people find seats, take up offering, & other duties. Especially needed at 5 P.M. Saturday and 11:30 A.M. Sunday.

★★ Wedding Assistant. To help with set-up when a visiting priest is presiding (i.e. microphone system, lights, setting out sacred vessels.)

Lector. Proclaim the scriptures at weekend Mass. Age 15 and up.

Thurifer. Minister with incense at weekday funerals & major celebrations.

Environment. Help decorate the church for Thanksgiving & Christmas.

Laundry. Wash altar server robes, as needed, once or twice a year.

Plant Care. Water flowers in church during Christmas and Easter seasons.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult, Youth Choirs. All voices welcome. Musical training helpful, but not necessary.

Cantor. Adults and high school youth lead congregational singing at weekend Masses. Musical experience & leadership skills necessary. Training is provided. Auditions required.

Keyboard. Provide occasional accompanying for choirs/cantors, or perform solos at Masses or special events.

Instrumentalist. Augment the piano and organ accompaniment at Mass or special events.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Elementary School Youth:

Teach or assist in a Youth Faith Formation class.

Provide occasional childcare for younger siblings of K-5 families during Sunday A.M. faith formation.

Direct or assist with the Christmas Pageant.

Facilitate service projects for K-5 children.

Help parish staff plan/facilitate 1-2 annual family retreats.

Middle School Youth:

Share with the youth a practice or devotion which has strengthened your faith.

Assist in service projects.

Assist with Shadow Stations of the Cross on a Lenten Friday.



We're for... giving.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION *(continued)*

High School Youth:

_____ **Join our sister parish committee:** help plan/coordinate bi-annual trip to sister parish in the Dominican Republic as well as assist in fundraiser planning.

_____ **Volunteer as a discussion/debate facilitator** for our Speaker Series, which tackles the topics teens are struggling with such as Church teachings or life issues.

_____ **Share with the youth** a practice or devotion which has strengthened your faith.

_____ **Provide a tasty snack** or fund a pizza party for one of our youth group meetings.

_____ **★★ Assist teens** in the running of the Easter Sunday Egg Hunt after 9 A.M. Mass.

Sacramental Preparation:

_____ **Serve as a co-teacher** for one of the sacramental classes. (6 Sessions. Materials will be provided.)

_____ **Help** in preparing class materials.

_____ **Assist with sacramental prep special events** such as the Confirmation retreat and/or the First Communion play.

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

_____ **(Age 3 through Kindergarten).** Lead or assist Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9 A.M. Sunday Mass for children ages 3-kindergarten. Children's Liturgy for this age group meets every Sunday during the school year. Ordinarily a four week commitment, we can work with you to accommodate your schedule if necessary. Training and age appropriate resources are provided.

_____ **(Grades 1-4).** Lead or assist Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9 A.M. Sunday Mass for children in grades 1-4. Children's Liturgy for this age group will meet once a month during the Youth Mass. Commit to one month or multiple months. Training and age appropriate resources are provided.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

_____ **Adult Faith Enrichment Committee.** Help design and implement a variety of adult faith initiatives. Members invite speakers, research courses by Catholic theologians, facilitate discussions based on presented material.

_____ **Sponsor for Adults in Preparation Process for Rites of Christian Initiation.** Attend meetings with candidates and provide friendship & support to them throughout the formation process.

_____ **Adult Small Christian Community.** Join or begin a group that meets weekly, bi-monthly, monthly, or during Lent.

HOSPITALITY

_____ **Baking.** Bake a dessert item occasionally for a parish event.

_____ **Guardian Angels.** Help welcome new parishioners to St. Catherine's. You will be assigned 1-2 new parishioners whom you will contact to greet and invite to a parish social activity.

_____ **Hospitality Support.** Provide entrée or side dish items occasionally for parish functions.

_____ **Chip In Ministry.** Help with individual events as needed based on your availability. You would be contacted prior to events (*i.e. Fall Harvest Festival, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, Easter Vigil Reception, Parish Picnic*) to see if you are available.

_____ **Social Hours.** Help organize an occasional social hour after either the 9 AM Mass or the 11:30 AM Mass. If you would like to set up, clean up, or greet people and refill supplies at a social hour, please sign up for this ministry, specifying after which Mass you prefer to work.

_____ **Men's Group.** Provide a variety of services such as helping with parish dinners, pancake breakfasts, funeral receptions and staffing occasional parish maintenance projects.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SISTER PARISH

_____ **Communications.** Help work on sister parish communications via newsletter, website, etc.

_____ **200 Club.** Help plan this annual fund-raising event.

_____ **Development Committee.** Direct and manage Dominican Republic related parish activities such as fundraising, communication and educational efforts with and for our sister parish.

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OFFICE/ADMINISTRATIVE

_____ **Bulletins.** Assist occasionally with folding and stuffing of Sunday bulletins.

_____ **Mailings.** Assist with occasional bulk mailing preparation.

_____ **Office Help.** Assist in parish office during staff vacations, special times or projects.

_____ **Photographer...** for parish events.

COMMITTEES

_____ **★★ Stewardship Committee.** Plan & implement strategies to enhance parishioners' gifts of time, talent & treasure.

_____ **★★ Communications Committee.** Plan & implement strategies to foster excellent communication within the parish and between the parish and greater community, and to provide guidance so all communication is consistent with [our] vision and mission.

_____ **★★ Peace and Justice.** Address peace, environment and poverty-related issues, including both direct service and legislative advocacy efforts leading to systemic change.

_____ **★★ Welcoming and Social Committee.** Help plan strategies and events to welcome and support parishioners. Events include monthly social hours and large events quarterly. Time commitment can be big or small.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

_____ **★★ Brookdale Senior Residence.** Conduct a Communion service on Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

_____ **★★ Visit the Sick.** Bring the Eucharist to parishioners at home or in nursing homes or other facilities on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis.

_____ **Coordinate meal preparation** and delivery of 2 meals a month to elderly and/or bereaved.

_____ **Prepare food occasionally** for homebound and/or bereaved.

_____ **Coordinate and provide** simple receptions in the Parish Center following funerals.

_____ **Calling Ministry.** Make weekly check-in calls to homebound.

_____ **Poinsettia project.** Deliver Christmas poinsettias with cards to bereaved families, the homebound, and nursing homes.

_____ **Giving Tree.** Help coordinate Christmas gift-giving to local community agencies that assist the needy.

_____ **Clothing Drop-Off Box Helper.** On weekdays, sort and bag donated clothing for the needy bi-weekly or less at our drop-off depot in the west parking lot adjacent to the Parish Center.

_____ **Samaritan Center.** Sort and hang clothes for a free clothing closet on any day of the week from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Catholic Charities, 324 West Buffalo Street.

_____ **Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard.** On weekdays, deliver monthly grocery donations to Salvation Army building, 150 North Albany Street on an occasional basis.

OTHER

_____ I would be willing to share my time and talent in an area not listed above in the following way:

TREASURE

Making a Systematic Gift to the Parish

Stewardship includes sharing the wealth that God has given you. In thanksgiving for your blessings, please prayerfully consider giving a generous percentage of your income to St. Catherine of Siena parish.

Due to the beginning of our Facilities Capital Campaign, we plan to request your treasure commitment in the Spring. Meanwhile, thank you for your continued weekly gifts that are used to support our on-going operating expenses. Thank you.

Our annual gifts of Time and Talent

First and Last Name(s)

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Please complete this form, bring it to Mass and put in box near sister parish bowls or mail to the Parish Office by September 12/13, 2009. Thank you.

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