



Your Gifts: Your Works

Forming a Partnership with God

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

Monroe, Michigan

Dear Friends in Christ:

As baptized believers, we are the Church. We have been created in God's image and been given gifts to be used for God's glory and for the good of our neighbor. For over 225 years, our parish has thrived on the generous sharing of these gifts, so that the proclamation of the Good News can continue for all generations. We pray that our service will welcome, inspire, and transform all whom we encounter in Jesus' name.

To discover where you may be called to share your God-given gifts, we have created this collection of ministries and means of service. There is a place for everyone!

After reflection and prayer, when you find something here that speaks to your heart, please complete and return the attached form to the parish in the Sunday collection basket or to the office. You will be contacted to further discuss your interest and answer your questions. Any necessary training will be provided.

Your gifts and talents are needed and wanted: please join us as we together participate in God's saving work!

Sincerely,
Fr. David Burgard
Pastor

Complete one form per person. Please print.

Name _____

Telephone _____

(Home)

(Work)

(Cell)

Address _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

Email _____

I am interested in knowing more about the following ministry/ministries:

I am a good listener.

God may be calling me to:

Bereavement Ministry: *Meet one-on-one with bereaved individuals, follow up support by sending cards and making phone calls*

Health Care Ministry: *Educate; health fairs, blood drives*

Stephen Ministry: *Accompany those experiencing difficulties*

I enjoy reading Scripture, discussing my faith with others, and speaking in front of others.

God may be calling me to:

Scripture Study Ministry: *Facilitate or participate in various study groups*

Small Group: *Facilitate or participate in a faith-sharing group*

RCIA: *Present a scheduled topic to adults or children once or twice per year*

Returning Catholics: *With team, welcome those returning to the church*

Sunday Scripture Discussion

I pray for others and have compassion for the sick and elderly.

God may be calling me to:

Eucharistic Adoration: *Pray for a 1/2 hour or hour every Tuesday before the Blessed Sacrament for self, our parish and others*

Home Bound Ministry: *Call, visit and bring the Eucharist to shut-ins*

Pray for Others: *As requested through the parish office*

I enjoy rallying people to a cause, working with others to find the best solution to world problems, and prefer lively activities to quiet and solitude.

God may be calling me to:

Housing and Shelter Programs: *Habitat for Humanity-summer build*

St. Vincent/Service: *Projects to meet and help the poor, hungry, homeless, etc.*

Peace and Justice: *Advocate for life, poor, homeless, human rights, sustainable environments*

Respect LIFE Activities: *Advocating for all stages of life*

Jail and Prison Ministry: *Assist with prayer services, visit or write letters*

I am good at starting conversations and keeping them going.

God may be calling me to:

RCIA Team Helper: *Weekly discussions with adults, teens or children*

I am skilled at working with computers and technology.

God may be calling me to:

Tech Team: *Computer and network maintenance, web development, technology planning, etc.*

I enjoy cooking. Food is nourishment for the body, just as scripture is nourishment for the soul.

God may be calling me to:

GOD WORKS!: *As a team member, prepare and serve a warm meal 3 to 4 times a year on a Friday evening*

Soup/Salad Luncheons: *First Wednesday of the months of September through May and all Wednesdays during Lent*

One of my favorite ways to pray is to sing or play a musical instrument and I want to contribute to the joy of liturgical celebrations.

God may be calling me to:

Parish Choir 9:30 am: *Traditional choral music, teens and adults*

Resurrection Choir: *Sing at parish funerals*

Hand bell Choirs: *Bell and chime music; middle school through adult*

Instrumentalist: *Minister as an instrumentalist during Masses*

Cantor: *persons trained to sing solo verses or passages to which the choir or congregation responds*

I believe in the power of our young people to change the world. Acting as a teacher and/or mentor for our youth through school, religious education, and or/leadership programs is meaningful to me.

God may be calling me to:

Faith Formation Early Childhood Catechist: *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at 9:30 am Mass*

Faith Formation Catechist; Grades 1-8: *Sunday, 11:00 - 12:15 pm, September through April*

Classroom Aides; Grades 1 - 8: *Help catechist as needed with the work of teaching*

Special Needs Volunteers: *Assist individuals with special learning needs during scheduled sessions on Saturday mornings, 10 - Noon, September through May*

Children's Liturgy of the Word: *On a rotating basis, proclaim the Gospel to children during the 9:30 am mass in the Social Hall*

Vacation Bible Adventure: *Lead or assist in the one-week summer program*

Youth Ministry: *Leaders and assistants for ministry to high school teens*

I enjoy working with my hands and taking care of details.

God may be calling me to:

Faith Formation Office Volunteer: *Sunday office help, 10 - 12:30 pm*

Bulletin Insert Team: *Occasional Friday mornings for approximately one hour*

Sewing: *RCIA garments and banners*

Prayer Shawl Ministry: *Knit or crochet shawls for parishioners experiencing challenges*

Art and Design: *Periodically help decorate the church. An artistic eye is helpful but not required. Guidance is provided*

Altar and Church Care/Christian Women: *Help with cleaning sanctuary, sacristy and linens*

St. Fiacre Gardeners: *Help keep parish grounds beautiful. Plant flowers and weeding from May to October*

Rosary Makers: *Meets every Tuesday, September through June, 9 - 11 am in the Social Hall*

**I like planning and participating in social and community activities.
God may be calling me to:**

Bridge Club
Euchre

Movie Night
Board Game Night

New & Other

I believe in simple acts of kindness.

God may be calling me to:

Please check one or more boxes for the Mass time(s) you can serve.

Transportation Assistance: *Provide a ride to and from church for those in need of transportation*

Usher: **Saturday 4:30 pm** **Sunday 7:30 am** **Sunday 9:30 am** **Sunday 11:30 am**

Greeter: *Extend welcome to those who enter into our church at weekend masses*

Coffee and Donuts: *Set –up, serve and clean-up; following 9:30 a.m. mass the 3rd Sunday of every month*

Parish Picnic: *Help plan and/or assist at September Parish Picnic*

Funeral Lunch Servers: *Periodically help set-up, serve and clean-up for funeral luncheons*

RCIA Sponsor: *Companion those becoming Catholic*

Adult Faith Formation Events: *Set-up, clean-up light refreshments*

I rejoice in the liturgical celebration of the Mass.

God may be calling me to:

Please check one or more boxes for the Mass time(s) you can serve.

Lector: *Proclaim God's Word at Mass*

Saturday 4:30 pm **Sunday 7:30 am** **Sunday 9:30 am** **Sunday 11:30 am**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: *Distribute Communion at Mass*

Saturday 4:30 pm **Sunday 7:30 am** **Sunday 9:30 am** **Sunday 11:30 am**

Adult Altar Server/Sacristan: **Tuesday 6:30 pm** **Thursday 8:15 am** **Friday 8:45 am**

Youth Altar Server: **Saturday 4:30 pm** **Sunday 7:30 am** **Sunday 9:30 am** **Sunday 11:30 am**

Baptism Assistant: *Assist the families of children being baptized during or following Sunday Mass*

Liturgical Funeral Coordinator: *Assist those who have a specific liturgical role in the funeral Mass*

Wedding Assistant: *Assist with wedding set up and guide logistics of service*

SPECIAL SKILLS

Check a "special skill" if it applies to you; if the skill is needed in the parish you will be contacted.

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| ◇ Art | ◇ Desktop Publishing | ◇ Music |
| ◇ Carpentry | ◇ Drama | ◇ Party Planning |
| ◇ Catering | ◇ Driver | ◇ Plumbing |
| ◇ Child Care | ◇ Electrical | ◇ Public Relations |
| ◇ Computers | ◇ Foreign Language | ◇ Public Speaking |
| ◇ Cooking/Baking | ◇ Garden Design | ◇ Sales Writing |
| ◇ Dance | ◇ Interior Design | ◇ Other |