

2019-2020 Religious Formation Volunteer Opportunities

“Your talent is God’s gift to you; what you do with it is your gift to God.”

Religious Formation Program Catechist (Wednesday) Prepare lesson plans according to grade level curriculum, incorporating prayer, worship, service and community into lessons plans. Foster students to grow in their faith, recognizing faith is a gift. Attend scheduled in-services. Comply with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policy. Catechists with children enrolled in the nine-month Religious Formation Program are eligible to receive a volunteer credit of 100% of the registration fees. Material fees for sacrament prep and retreat fees apply to all children in the parish.

Religious Formation Program Assistant Catechist (Wednesday) Assist classroom catechist and students with activities and discipline during class. The assistant catechist may choose to plan and develop a portion of the weekly lesson. In the event of the absence of the catechist, the assistant may take over the class. (Unless previously agreed upon, the catechist should prepare lesson plans for the assistant catechist.) Attend in-services. Comply with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policy. Assistant catechists with children enrolled in the nine-month Religious Formation Program are eligible to receive a credit of 50% of the registration fees. Material fees for sacrament prep and retreat fees apply to all children in the parish.

Substitute Catechist (Wednesday) In the event of absence due to illness or travel, will fill in for the regular Religious Formation Program catechist. It is anticipated that the classroom catechist will have lesson plans available for the class session. Substitute catechists must comply with Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policy.

Parking Lot Coordinator (Wednesday or Summer Program Days) The parking lot coordinator will work with Religious Formation Program office volunteers and Religious Formation Program parents to coordinate a safe drop-off and pick-up zone before and after classes. The coordinator will schedule volunteers making sure there are a sufficient number of volunteers to provide a smooth flow of traffic during the Summer Faith Formation Program and/or all three Religious Formation Program sessions. Coordinator will report any unsafe conditions to the Director of Religious Formation and attendance at two to three Safety Committee meetings per year by the Parking Lot Coordinator is a plus. The coordinator must comply with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policy.

Parking Lot Assistant (Wednesday or Summer Program Days) Adult volunteers will assist the program to maintain a smooth flow of traffic in the parking lot before and after either Religious Formation Program or Summer Faith Formation Program classes. Parking lot assistants must comply with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policy.

Daycare (Wednesday) Provide daycare for children of catechists and assistant catechists volunteering in the nine-month Religious Formation Program. Daycare volunteers must comply with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policy. Daycare volunteers with children enrolled in the nine-month Religious Formation Program are eligible to receive a volunteer credit of 50% of the registration fees. Volunteers must agree to be available 100% of the time to receive a credit. Material fees for sacrament prep and retreat fees apply to all children in the parish.

Office Help/Hall Monitors (Wednesday or Summer Program): Provide general office help and monitor foot traffic in hallways and restrooms before and during classes. Assist with monitoring the flow of traffic in the parking lot after classes. Office volunteers must comply with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policy. Office volunteers with children enrolled in the **nine-month Religious Formation Program** are eligible to receive a credit of 50% of the registration fee for their children if they agree to assist with monitoring the parking lot and be present each week to assist with program needs in the office. Material fees for sacrament prep and retreat fees apply to all children in the parish.

Discipleship Mentor-The Discipleship Mentor will team up with another adult mentor to coordinate a total of six hours of service experiences for our Confirmation candidates. Mentors will determine the length of time each service experience will be. (i.e. two hours, three hours, four hours, six hours.) Once a mentor has coordinated a service experience with the agency and determined the number of candidates they are able to involve, they will develop a SIGN-UP GENIUS site to include all of the details. The sign-up site will be used by all mentors with separate links for each project coordinated. Mentors will coordinate Field Trip Permission Forms and provide direction and support to the candidates who accompany them. Discipleship Mentors need to attend a training session, typically scheduled in the spring. All Discipleship Mentors must comply with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policy. Discipleship Mentors with children enrolled in the nine-month Religious Formation Program are eligible to receive a credit of 50% of the registration fees. Material fees for sacrament prep and retreat fees apply to all children in the parish.

Liturgy of the Word for Children Leader Adult volunteers lead the celebration of the word by proclaiming the readings and leading the discussion that follows the Gospel. One adult volunteer will lead the music. (CD available.) In addition, we have two shepherds who are responsible for dealing with any discipline issues and are responsible for identifying the gift bearers. All Liturgy of the Word for Children ministers must comply with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policy. Being a leader for Liturgy of the Word for Children becomes part of an adults' Sunday Mass obligation. LWC is offered at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Liturgy and at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Liturgies.

Quilt Volunteer Assist the quilt committee with the quilt project by using a rotary cutter to cut squares or fabric strips, writing on quilts, sewing quilts, or assisting children with painting squares.

Retreat Volunteer Assist at retreats for 1st Eucharist, 1st Reconciliation and Confirmation with set-up, tear-down, greeting families and serving refreshments. So that parents are able to spend time sharing faith one-on-one with their child, NO 2nd grade parents please.

1st Eucharist Volunteer Assist with lining children up prior to Mass, leading them in prayer, placing 1st Eucharist quilts on pews and greeting families as they enter Church. So that parents are able to spend time sharing faith one-on-one with their child, NO 2nd grade parents please.

Confirmation Volunteer Assist with lining candidates and their sponsors up prior to Mass, as well as ushering during the Liturgy.

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Volunteers will assist the Director of Religious Formation with the planning and implementation of the Vacation Bible School Program. Duties may include; Bible Story Teller, craft/game/skit or snack coordinator, daycare volunteer, or office volunteer during VBS. Vacation Bible School Program volunteers must comply with the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Policy.

Refreshments Provide cookies or snacks for catechist in-services, retreats, parent/child meetings and special events four to six times per year. **Please note, if you mark this option, we are asking that you mark an additional area of the Religious Formation Program or parish community that will actively engage you in the life of our parish.**

Server Serve at luncheons and dinners such as Confirmation, catechist luncheons, volunteer appreciation dinner, St. Patrick's Celebrations, Poverty Meal, Ice Cream Social and other events hosted by the Office of Religious Formation.

Religious Formation Program Special Project Volunteer Assist the Religious Formation Program on an as needed basis with special projects as they come up. These special projects may include assisting with behind the scene preparations for retreats and sacrament celebrations, as well as preparing other program materials.

Parish Event Volunteer Volunteer to assist with special events in the parish, including SPIRIT, parish festival, St. Pat's Celebration, golf-outing or work at fish fry's to name a few. This can be a one time commitment where you choose to help decorate for the SPIRIT dinner/auction, or assist the evening of the auction. There are also opportunities to serve on the planning committees for these events. Your name will be provided to the appropriate parish staff member, or committee chairs, if you express an interest in this area.

Time

Spending Time With God in Prayer

Prayer is the beginning of stewardship. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.

- Celebrate the Eucharist each weekend
- Read & Pray with Scripture
- Pray for an end to abortion
- Pray the Rosary
- Offer prayer at meals
- Regularly receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Talent

Using My Talents in Parish Ministries

Please read about the ministries listed below in our parish Resource Guide. When you sign up for a new ministry, the leader will call to explain how to get involved.

Faith Formation

- Alpha
- Marriage Enrichment Groups
- Pro-Life Committee
- Religious Formation (RF) Committee
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
- RCIA Parish Companions
- RCIA Team
- SPY- Adult Volunteer or Teen Participant
- Sunshine Group
- That Man Is You!
- Tuesday Adult Education Class
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer

Leadership

- Cemetery Board
- Finance Committee
- Maintenance Committee
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Religious Formation Committee
- Safety Committee
- School Board
- Technology Committee
- Youth Ministry Adult Advisory Team
- Youth Ministry Teen Core Team

Liturgy, Music, Prayer

- Altar Server
- Church Décor/ Environment
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Greeters
- Lector/Commentary
- Liturgy of the Word for Children Leader
- Ministry of Caring
- Music Ministry (Instrumental)
- Music Ministry (Vocal)
- Prayer Chain
- Sacristan
- Usher

Outreach, Service, Social

- Athletic Committee
- Baking/Cooking
- COPE (Christian Outreach Program of Elkhorn)
- Events -Social or Fundraising
- Fall Festival
- Funeral Luncheon Food Committee
- Golf League
- Golf Tournament
- Grounds/Yard Work
- Heavenly Helpers
- High School Mission Trip
- Knights of Columbus
- Men's Club
- Meals Ministry

- Parish Office Volunteer
- RF Volunteer Opportunities
- Sewing/Quilting
- S.P.I.R.I.T. – Dinner/Auction
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Welcome Desk Volunteer
- Women of St. Patrick's
- Youth Summer Camps/Trips

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Phone (important) _____

Email (important) _____