

## **CHURCH MINISTRIES**

### **WORSHIP**

#### **ADULT CHOIR**

St. James provides an opportunity to enhance the liturgy through singing at the 10:00 a.m. Mass and other special events in the parish. Contact Scott Ruppel (618-304-3574) or email [sruppel@gibaultonline.com](mailto:sruppel@gibaultonline.com) for details and participation.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

During the Mass, individuals assist the priest with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. Training is provided. According to your choice of Mass time, a schedule is made for a two month period available in the back of church. Contact the rectory 476-3513.

#### **GIFT BEARERS**

Individuals or families bring to the altar the Offertory gifts of bread and wine as well as the monetary offering. According to your choice of Mass time, a schedule is made for a two month period. The schedule will be available in the back of church. Contact the rectory 476-3513.

#### **GREETERS**

Individuals or families are asked to welcome parishioners and visitors at the entrances to the church before Masses. According to your choice of Mass time, a schedule is made for a two month period. The schedule will be available in the back of church. Contact the rectory 476-3513.

#### **LECTORS**

Individuals proclaim the Word of God and lead the petitions during the Mass. One needs to feel comfortable speaking from the pulpit. According to your choice of Mass time, a schedule is made for a two month period. The schedule will be available in the back of church. Contact the rectory 476-3513.

#### **SERVERS (Knights of the Altar)**

All boys and girls in grades 4-8 in St. James School or PSR are invited to assist the celebrant with the liturgy. Training is provided. According to your choice of Mass time, a schedule is made for a two month period. The schedule will be available in school. Contact the rectory 476-3513 or Willie Holdener 476-1599.

#### **USHERS**

Ushers assist with seating parishioner, collecting of monetary offerings and distributing the bulletins after Mass. According to your choice of Mass time, a schedule is made on a one-month rotating basis. The schedule will be available in the back of church. Contact the rectory 476-3513.

### **OTHER CHURCH MINISTRIES**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance from 7-9 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. The person responsible for Adoration will prepare the altar and lead the rosary at 7:30 p.m. Closing of adoration is usually at 9:00 p.m.

#### **PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)**

Share your love of Jesus and Catholic faith by teaching a group of students in grades kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes are held every Tuesday 6:20-7:30 p.m. September-April. Contact Melisa Beckner 618-977-1181.

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

Individuals participate in daily private prayer for the sick and those with special needs. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the telephone and email prayer chain.

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

RCIA volunteers welcome, support and share their personal faith with individuals wishing to learn more about or join the Catholic Church. Meetings last about 1 hour on Sunday mornings.

## **SEASONAL CHURCH DECORATING**

For special Church seasons such as Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter appropriate decorations are displayed to enhance the celebration of these events. Notification of church decorating is announced in the bulletin.

## **PARISH LIFE**

### **COLLECTION COUNTERS**

Volunteers are needed to count the collection on Sunday mornings following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and make bank deposits. Confidentiality is required in this ministry. Volunteers are on teams. A yearly schedule is provided.

### **COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

Members provide services in and outside of the parish, including funeral luncheons, RCIA reception, bake cookies for the Bishop's Christmas dinner, make Baptismal gowns, provide quilts, purchase altar supplies and other church items, etc. Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. except in July and August

### **FUNERAL LUNCHEONS**

Volunteers are needed to support bereaved families and serve a funeral luncheon when requested. Volunteers prepare a dish and/or serve the meal the day of the funeral.

### **"J" TEAM**

Volunteers maintain the parish buildings (i.e. painting, repair work, etc.) and the parish grounds (i.e. trimming plant care, landscaping, etc.) The team meets the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knight of Columbus is an organization of men who promote charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. They have fundraisers throughout the year for many charities and the needs of the parish and school. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club. Contact the rectory 476-3513

### **LITURGY COMMITTEE**

Volunteers help Fr. Marvin plan and carry out various liturgical celebrations such as Lent, Advent, Easter, All Souls Day and Christmas. Meetings are two times a year in the spring and fall. Contact Father Marvin 476-3513.

### **OVER 50 CLUB**

The purpose of the Over 50 Club is to promote the interest and welfare of mature adults through a common bond of spiritual and social activities. Membership is open to any person at 50 years of age and is a member of St. James Church or St. Michael's Church in Paderborn. Spouses of members are also welcome to attend regardless of age or religion.

### **PARISH MAILERS**

Volunteers are needed to stuff and sort mailings. Mailings are sent at different times of the year (i.e. Quilt Bingo, Summer Festival, etc.) Help is needed during rectory office hours. Contact the rectory 476-3513.

## **QUILTERS**

Learn the art of quilting by joining the quilters Tuesdays from 4:30-9:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. Quilts are made for raffles, fundraisers and parishioners' quilts for the Summer Festival. Contact Jovita Johns 476-1686.

## **SCOUTS**

### **CUB SCOUTS**

Pack 622 serves boys in grades 1-5 and their families. Boys participate in activities that build character and values. The meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help. Contact Greg Rakers 476-7789.

### **BOY SCOUTS**

Troop 622 helps prepare boys ages 11-18 make good ethical and moral choices in instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The troop meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Troop leader training is provided. Contact Greg Rakers 476-7789.

**GIRL SCOUTING** is open to girls, kindergarten thru high school. Become a Girl Scout leader and help girls grow strong. Positions are available as troop leader, assistant leader and there are short term projects parents can coordinate. Training courses are required for leader and assistant leaders.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a lay volunteer organization whose members grow in faith by helping those in need. Upon request for assistance volunteer members meet with those who contact the organization to determine what services can be offered. Activities are planned throughout the year to raise funds for distribution. Meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Contact Ruth Morton 618-334-8494.

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

This committee plans ways to assist and encourage church members in their commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure for the parish community. The committee meets when necessary. Contact Joann Pisel 476-3872

### **WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

Volunteers personally meet and welcome new member to the parish and provide them information about St. James and the community. Periodic activities are planned for fellowship among all parishioners. Contact Joann Pisel 476-3872.

## **FUNDRAISING**

### **SUMMER FESTIVAL (Parish Picnic)**

The St. James Summer festival is held on the first Saturday in August beginning at 3:00 p.m. Parishioners serve food and drinks, work at stands and quilt bingo, sell raffle tickets, etc. All abled bodied parishioners are encouraged to participate and are given the opportunity to choose when and where they would like to work. Stand chairpersons are asked to attend a few meetings before the picnic.

### **QUILT BINGO**

Our popular Quilt/Cash Bingos (Spring and Fall) are a tradition in Millstadt. Proceeds benefit parish and school projects. Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets, set up for the Bingo, work the floor, etc. The bingo begins at 1:00 p.m. and usually ends around 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to make the Bingos successful.

### **ST. JAMES DINNER AUCTION**

The auction is an annual fundraiser held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in November for the parish and school. Proceeds fund many major projects including supplementing budgets and improvements. Volunteers are needed to assist in mailings, purchasing items for the auction, compiling the preview book, working the floor, etc.

### **SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

There are many opportunities to share your gifts and talents in the St. James school system. This includes the grade school and the Early Childhood Center.

St. James School Principal: Steve Kidd 476-3510

St. James School Secretary: Michele Bell 476-3510

Early Childhood Center Director: Brooke Range 476-9490

Anyone volunteering in any capacity involving the children is required to undergo a Criminal History Record Check and attend the Diocesan Child Protection Program.

### **ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

The members of the athletic association include parents who provide support for the St. James student athletes and their coaches. The association raises funds throughout the year to pay for referees, uniforms, etc. Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### **CAFETERIA HELPERS**

Volunteers are needed to supervise and assist students during the lunch periods and wash tables after lunch. The lunch period extends from 11:15-12:20. Contact Michele Bell 476-3510

### **PARENT STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

PSA is a service organization dedicated to support the school and teachers through special events and fundraisers. Projects include the Book Fair, the SCRIP program, Olympic Day, etc. Volunteers are needed to help with all PSA sponsored activities. The PSA meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month during the school year.

### **PLAYGROUND HELPERS**

Volunteers are needed to supervise recess from 11:30-12:50.

### **RECYCLING**

Volunteers are needed to assist in recycling projects such as Box Tops for Education and computer cartridges. Proceeds from the recycling projects benefit the school.

### **SCRIP**

Volunteers are needed to sell SCRIP after weekend Masses. The SCRIP purchaser gets the full value of the gift card and the school receives a percentage of the total. Revenue from the program supports St. James School.