

## *Joint Ministries* **CALLED TO SERVE 2010-2011**

### **PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

#### **Children's Liturgy**

- Parents, adults & H.S. students needed to lead children Grades K-4 in simple re-telling & activity based on Sunday readings.
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#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

- Knitters and crocheters
- “non-yarn” activities:
  - Moving yarn
  - Delivering shawls to churches
  - Packaging shawls for distribution

### **FAITH FORMATION**

#### **Faith Formation Council**

- Oversees Catechetical Programs – Pre-K through 12
- Meets quarterly.

#### **Adult Faith Enrichment Programs**

##### **Book Group**

- Books of a spiritual nature – both fiction and non-fiction – are read and discussed four or five times throughout the year. Time and place vary, so watch the bulletin for upcoming book ideas and discussions.

##### **Group Scripture & Prayer Group**

- Groups gather to reflect on the coming Sunday scriptures. This helps us to grow with a deeper understanding of our faith and the Bible. Prayers are also shared for individual & parish intentions.
- Groups meet at various times and days. When you sign up, please check the time that is best for you. Watch the bulletin for changes & additions. Call Helen Moon (370-0027) if you have any questions or concerns, or would like a group at another time..

##### **Marriage Preparation (Once a year – usually March)**

- Sponsor couples needed to journey with engaged couples for marriage enrichment Thursdays at 10am.

##### **Mom/Dad/Kids Group (Meets 2 times a month – Thursdays at 10am)**

- This is a time for play for toddlers, along with a time for adult conversation, sharing and prayer.
- The group informally discusses the Sunday scriptures sharing insights and questions. It is a good way to get to know other young parents and pre-school children.

##### **RCIA: A Process for Receiving New Members into the Catholic Church**

- Team members assist in preparing people interested in becoming members of the church.
- Team meets weekly to share faith and to discuss scripture with inquirers, candidates, and catechumens. It is a valuable way to enrich our own faith and understanding. Meetings begin the end of September or first part of October. Helen Moon will contact anyone who is interested.

##### **All Community Experience (ACE)**

- Offers formational & communal gathering twice a year for people of all ages.

## **Children's Catechumenate**

- Assist in preparing non-baptized youth ages 7-14 for the sacraments.  
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## **CYO Basketball (December thru March)**

- Need Coaches, Assistants, Concession & Ticket takers, Chaperones  
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## **Sacramental Preparation for First Communion & First Reconciliation**

- Joint meetings for First Communion & First Reconciliation.
- Catechists & aides needed to assist with retreats & celebrations.  
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## **St. Helen's School**

- Willing to be nominated as School Board member
- Substitute Teacher – preferably retired teacher
- Recess Monitor 11:15 am – 1 pm (1 day/week or once/twice a month)
- Reading Partner Pre-K (1 day/week for 1 hour)
- Assist in fundraising activities  
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## **Youth Ministry**

- Focuses on young people from 6<sup>th</sup> grade into college.
- To, with, by, & for young people - Adults minister to young people & young people to one another.
- Includes **Word** (Sunday Sessions 11:15-12:30pm, 6:30-7:45pm & Monday 6:30-7:45pm)  
Book Study / Prayer & Worship Masses / Prayer experiences.
- **Community Life** - Fun, social, fundraising activities.
- **Leadership Development** - Leading retreats & teaching others.
- **Justice & Service** - Involvement in community & recognizing the meaning of faith.
- **Pastoral Care, Evangelization & Advocacy** - Be a compassionate presence, creatively sharing the good news & standing up for those powerless.  
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## **Youth Ministry Gatekeepers**

- Responsible for answering phones during sessions
- Monitoring entrances/corridors
- Assisting in crisis response  
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## **Youth Ministry Team (Meets monthly – For adults & youth)**

- Adults, parents & teens work together to create a vision & plan youth ministry activities for the parishes.
- Activities include:
  - Chaperone social events/overnights, chaperone/drivers for service days
  - Prayer planners
  - Fundraising project helpers
  - Retreat team members
  - Pastoral council representative
  - Cookie bakers
  - Parish coffee hour
  - Book study with young people

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## **CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

### **Christian Service Council (Meets 3 times a year)**

- Plan the direction of Christian service efforts
- Envision, empower & encourage

### **Cluster Senior Group**

- OLF and St. Helen's seniors, 55 and older, meet at St. Helen's Parish Center (handicapped accessible) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 11:30 AM-2:00 PM.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

- A strong core committee & chairperson is needed – then folks for specific aspects to engage with building, food, committee work and devotions).

### **Home Furnishings (every 3 months)**

- Teams of 3-5 pick up & deliver good used furniture in Schenectady County.

### **Knights of Columbus**

- A fraternal organization dedicated to service of the parish & wider community.

### **Memories Group**

- Journey with families of bereaved at wakes & funerals.
- Continue contact with grieving families through cards, prayer gatherings & other programs.

### **Refugee Resettlement**

- Join a team of parishioners aiding refugees from around the world to settle in our area.
- Help is needed in greeting families, food assistance, and employment and journeying with them through their transition.

### **Sister Parish Committee (Monthly)**

- Committee is comprised of members of both OLF and St. Helen's parishes. Members meet to pray for our sister parish, the Church of San Agustin in Mexico, and to plan ways to promote understanding and appreciation of their customs. Also strategize how to advocate for their needs. For additional information please contact Helen Moon, 370-0027.

## **EVANGELIZATION**

### **Evangelization Team (E Team)**

- Meets Bi-Monthly to shape cluster efforts to welcome new & returning parishioners.

### **Face Book**

- Establish and Maintain page(s)

### **Returning Home Team**

- Group will meet with people who have expressed interest in returning to our communities. The team will be formed in the fall for spring initiative.

### **Service Ministry**

- In conjunction with Christian Service Committee, plan and implement "Service Days" in our parishes.

## **Technology Committee**

- Committee to look at technology needs of our parishes, vision & create a plan for future outreach & communication to the Catholic & broader communities.

## **E-Mail Coordinator(s)**

- Maintain current listing of parishioners

## **Web Master(s)**

- Update parish websites to be most helpful for parish members.

## **Young Adults/Young Families**

- Core Group is needed to shape activities & encourage involvement.

\***VR** – VIRTUS Required – Anyone involved in ministry with children or youth is required by the Diocese to attend a 2 hour VIRTUS training, and agree to a background check.