

**Altar Servers:** Girls and boys in the sixth grade are invited to begin server training. Monthly schedules are provided to sixth, seventh and eighth graders through school or Religious Education classes. Medals are awarded to the eighth graders who have given extraordinary service during their eighth grade year. A student's commitment to be a server, especially during the summer months, is of utmost importance.

**Athletics:** The purpose of this committee is to provide athletic enrichment through physical and spiritual growth for parish children through the Catholic Youth Organization athletic program. Values stressed are sportsmanship, fellowship, team spirit, discipline, responsibility and leadership skills. Approximately 150 volunteers are needed to coach, sell concessions, take tickets, maintain equipment, schedule use of facilities, keep financial records and maintain baseball and football fields. There is a 3 year commitment to be 1 of 9 committee members and coaches commit on a seasonal basis. Meetings are held monthly. An on-going goal of this ministry is to ensure all parish children feel welcome to participate. John Newett 862-9752

**Bible Study:** Bible study increases our knowledge of the Scriptures and how we can make them relevant to our own lives. Nativity offers at least 2 adult studies per year (evening and day time) beginning in September and January. The time needed to prepare varies according to the number of weeks in the series used. Registration fee covers cost of books. Michelle Ross 359-6075

**Blood Drive:** Blood donations are solicited from Nativity Parish members for use by the Central Indiana Regional Blood Center to support the needs of our community. The blood drive requires a volunteer coordinator as well as 20-25 volunteers to make phone calls to potential donors and/or ask for juice and cookie donations. Volunteers are required two times per year and they give at least 1 to 2 hours of their time. Scott & Mary Curren 965-7651

**Boy Scouts:** The Nativity Boy Scout troop meets every Tuesday and spends one week a year at a summer camp. Adult volunteers must have good attitudes, be honest and be able to work with boys ages 12-18. The Boy Scouts are self-supporting from popcorn sales, collecting aluminum cans, and working at Waterman's Farm Market. Nativity provides meeting facilities. Tim Schubach 919-0468

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW):** The Coordinator recruits and trains volunteers to present each weekend's Liturgy of the Word during 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses to children (Kindergarten through second grade) in terms they can relate to and understand. A minimum of 15, ideally 20, volunteers (2 per Mass) are needed for the program. Time commitment for this ministry is 15 minutes preparation and 25 minutes during the Mass. Cecelia Poynter 300-9622

**Coffee & Donuts:** Coffee and donuts are provided monthly (Sept-May) in Holy Family Conference Room between Sunday Masses as an opportunity for fellowship among the members of and visitors to Nativity. Four volunteers are needed monthly. Melissa Schneider 403-4757

**Confirmation:** Nativity offers a two-year preparation model within the context of our Sunday youth nights, with students receiving the sacrament of Confirmation every spring. All students are expected to attend our weekly youth night, noting that some nights are required as we focus on the sacrament of Confirmation. A sacrament information and registration meeting will be held each spring prior to the beginning of preparation in the fall. Contact Michelle Ross 359-6075 or Maureen Hutt 357-1200 to volunteer to facilitate a small group or assist in another area.

**Environment Committee:** This committee of six is responsible for enhancing our worship environment through the use of material items such as plants, flowers, banners, etc. In addition, the committee is responsible for changing altar cloths and paraments to appropriate liturgical colors. The Sacristan is responsible for maintaining and changing of candles as needed, the weekly changing of the sanctuary light, maintaining holy water fonts, changing of altar linens, and maintaining servers' albs. Beth Bobko 345-8801

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Eucharistic Ministers assist with the distribution of Communion during weekend Masses, Communion Services during Lent and Communion to the sick. Twenty-four Eucharistic Ministers are needed per week. There are normally 80+ Eucharistic ministers, including 7 who take Communion to the sick. Volunteers need to be confirmed Catholics. The training period is 45 minutes and each minister is asked to serve one Sunday every 4-5 weeks. A blessing or commissioning by the pastor prior to participating in their first Mass is planned. Marilyn Ellis 881-8861

**Facilities Committee:** This group assists the Stewardship Commission in many of the work projects/repairs that take place in the parish. An annual walkthrough of the facilities is made and a list of repairs and recommendations for replacement is compiled. Some of the repairs are scheduled to be completed on Parish Work Days that are advertised to the parish at large for participation. Some of the repairs are made by the volunteers on the committees. Recommendations from this committee aid the Finance Council in planning the capital expenditures in the budget process. Greg Brassie 862-1546

**First Sunday Sharing and Summer Breakfast Club:** First Sunday Sharing benefits those families who depend on The Lord's Pantry/Anna's House (a ministry begun by Lucious Newsom) in Stringtown on the Westside of Indianapolis for help with groceries. Donations are collected the first Saturday and Sunday of every month following Masses. At least three volunteers are needed (one for each Mass). Volunteers spend at least 15-25 minutes after each Mass. A coordinator makes a yearly schedule for the volunteers Kevin Marler 468-0942

**Funeral Meals:** Mercy meals are provided to give comfort and support to families in their time of need. Volunteers for this ministry consists of 6 captains, 15-20 volunteers for each captain and 2 Co-Chair leaders. The aim of the group is to relieve families of the burdensome task of providing food for family and friends during their time of grief. Mary Jane Wilkens 786-3859; Margaret Barger 359-7281

**Girl Scouts:** The Nativity Girl Scout program has a volunteer organizer and one leader per grade. Leaders plan meetings and field trips and other volunteers are needed to assist and supervise. Leaders need to be organized and typically conduct 1 troop meeting and 1 outing per month. One township meeting is held during the school year. Meetings are held at Nativity. Christy Barlow 331-8134 cbarlow@girlscoutsindiana.org

**Giving Tree:** The Giving Tree is an opportunity for the Parish to come together to help families at Christmas time. The Giving Tree is placed in the main entrance of church during Advent. Parish members are asked to select an ornament, purchase the requested item and return it, unwrapped. Approximately 10 volunteers are needed for this project. Each volunteer works between 4 to 5 hours. Sandy Shepard 862-6298

**God's Bounty Food Pantry:** In cooperation with several other Franklin Township churches, this food pantry is staffed by volunteers. Located in downtown Wanamaker, God's Bounty is open Thursdays from 1-7 p.m. For more information on how you can help, contact Vicki Dwenger 862-2667

**Indiana Catholic Conference:** The Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Indiana. ICC provides a readily accessible source to which public inquiry can be made about the position of the Church on matters affecting the common good. ICC notifies interested Catholics on current state and federal legislative activity (e.g. bills and rulings) and the Church's positions on issues usually concerning life and social justice. ICC publishes ALERTS requesting that Catholics notify their respective government representatives to support ICC's position. At Nativity, a volunteer(s) monitors ICC notices and forwards them to interested parishioners, who only need to get on the list for notification. Ron Kramer 862-9282

**Knights of Columbus:** The Father Louis T. Gootee K of C Council protects, defends and promotes Catholic concerns. Primary concerns are Catholic education, religious vocations, and right-to-life as well as support of Catholic widows and orphans. The Council currently includes about 100 men from the parish who pay dues (\$52/year) and conduct fund raisers to support their mission. The Council meets monthly in the Fr. Gootee Conference Rooms at Nativity and would like to increase membership. Bernie Kruse 412-1199

**Men's Club:** The Men's Club provides social activities for all men of our parish and meets once a month. Dan Kuhn 862-0483 or Dwayne Daming 787-8156

**Music:** The **Adult Choir** sings at the 11:00 Sunday Mass twice a month and rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in church. The **High School Youth Choir** (8th grade through H.S.) sings once a month at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and rehearses the same day at 9:45 a.m. Parishioners in the **Funeral Choir** support the family and friends of the deceased by participating in funeral masses and leading congregational singing. No rehearsals. Members attend funerals as they are able. All choirs are open to new members on a continuing basis and do not require auditions. **Cantors and instrumentalists** rehearse with the choirs and/or with the Music Director as needed. Musicians with cantoring skills or proficiency on a particular instrument are encouraged to contact the Music Director to discern how they might become involved in Liturgical Music. Christine Seitz cseitz@nativityindy.org 357-1200

**Nativity School P.F.O.:** (Parent Faculty Organization): The organization provides funds to purchase classroom items and to provide student programs. Book Fairs, Teacher Appreciation lunches and Trash Bag Sales are a few of the events sponsored by Nativity PFO. Volunteers, with commitments ranging from one to many hours are needed for all events. Christy Barlow cbarlow@girlscoutsindiana.org

**Offertory Gifts:** Parishioners are invited to volunteer to bring up the bread, wine and collection basket. Speak to one of the ushers before mass begins. If no one has volunteered, an usher will approach a family about carrying up the gifts. You may also choose to sign up on a specific date on the calendar provided on the main bulletin board in the front entryway of church.

**Over 50 Group:** The Over 50 Group meets on a monthly basis for lunch, social time and fellowship. The group has been in existence for over 35 years and heartily welcomes new members at any time. Contact Vera Schopp, 791-1378 or Marsha Brinson, 445-0177.

**Parish Festival:** Nativity's parish festival, *Augustravanza*, is an annual celebration. Several hundred volunteers are needed to cover all aspects of our end-of-the-summer August festival. Adam & Jenny Smith 862-7652

**Parish Retreat:** A Parish Retreat is planned to offer an on-site retreat experience, providing an environment for parishioners to know and love God better. The committee identifies the speaker/facilitator, arranges for space, establishes date and theme and plans publicity, music, refreshments and child care. Approximately 20 volunteers are needed. Volunteers also offer hospitality for the facilitator. Nancy Pinard 352-1982

**Prime Timers** – Monthly activities are planned by this group. Sometimes it's a Noon luncheon here in the Parish with a speaker or games. Sometimes it's lunch out or an evening event. All those in the parish who are 50 years old and older are encouraged to participate. Come join the fun for these informal gatherings. Contact Cathy Dudenhoeffer 888-7381

**Pro-Life Ministry:** All life is a gift from God. Life must be upheld, treasured and respected. Pro-Life Ministry supports a respect for life at all its stages through education, legislation and donations to help pro-life ministries. Monetary donations are accepted during the Right to Life of Indianapolis Rose Sale and a bassinette for material donations to Birthline is located in the front entrance of church. Kathy Gries 783-2563

**Proclaimers:** Proclaimers read the Word of God during the Mass. This ministry's purpose is to engage the people in the Living Word being spoken and heard. Volunteers need to be confirmed Catholics, have a strong voice and an aptitude for reading aloud with conviction. One hour of initial training is provided, as well as workbooks. Schedules are prepared quarterly. Vince LaMarca 508-5430

**Religious Education Program:** Religious Education classes are offered for our parish children who attend our public elementary and middle schools, a private school or who are home-schooled. Adult catechists teach these classes from 9:30-10:45 a.m. on Sunday. Classes meet from August until May. A home-school program is available for those who find this schedule of classes difficult to meet. Michelle Ross 359-6075

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** This process by which adults join us in our Catholic faith is offered in a series of Tuesday evening sessions beginning in August each year. Members of our parish serve as Sponsors for those moving toward

reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Our RCIA Team conducts the session and provides support to participants. Michelle Ross 359-6075

**St. Vincent de Paul:** This ministry provides assistance to people in crisis situations. Visits to homes are done to assess the needs and determine how they are to be addressed. Regular meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month. A core group of 5-6 people is needed to keep things running. Another 10 or so volunteers are needed to help at the St. Vincent de Paul pantry or warehouse. Time commitment is strictly up to the volunteer; however, 5-6 hours per month is the normal time spent. Money collected at Sunday Masses is used to purchase food for the pantry or specific items needed. Ada Hosier 862-6568

**School:** Nativity School educates children (pre-school through Grade 8) in the faith tradition of the Catholic Church while providing quality academics and extracurricular activities. A great number of volunteers are needed to support the mission of our school. Terri Bianchini 357-1459

**Stewardship Awareness:** This group is responsible for Nativity's Annual Call To Stewardship and the United Catholic Appeal campaigns. During the budget process they make recommendations to the Finance Council regarding anticipated income from these campaigns. Promoting stewardship is a year-round goal of this committee. Jodi Silcox 862-5975

**Ushers:** The leader of this ministry schedules ushers for weekend, Holy Days of Obligation and special Masses. Several dedicated, punctual volunteers provide the following services at each Mass: greet parishioners, gather collection, distribute bulletins and straighten up church following Mass. One hour per week (on a rotating three month schedule). 27-36 volunteers are needed to commit 12-15 hours per person per year. John Deubelbeiss 862-1178

**Vacation Bible School:** Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a one week, summer educational program which teaches children from 3 years of age to 5th grade about the Bible. 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and older may volunteer to assist during the week. Evangelization and education help enrich children and their friends in a life closer to God. Approximately 30-40 volunteers are needed each year. Michelle Ross 359-6075

**Women of the Word** WOW strives to include all women of the parish and hopes to make all feel welcome at our events! Take time for the spark of divinity in your soul – watch the bulletin for events or join the Facebook page! Barbie Trier 294-4762

**Youth Groups - Middle School and High School** The purpose of these groups is to provide an atmosphere for the young people to feel part of the Catholic Church and community. The middle school and high school students will be encouraged to explore the different avenues of their Catholic faith and connect it to their daily lives. The middle school students are invited to attend all South Deanery events, as well as the yearly Junior High Youth Rally. The high school students are invited to attend the Sunday Youth Nights, which are held on campus in the parish center. The high school students will be able to foster and grow in their faith not only by attending these Sunday Youth Nights, but also by experiencing different service projects. Every 2 years, the high school youth will have the opportunity to attend a nationally known youth conference, known as NCYC. If you would like to help as a volunteer or attend, please contact Maureen Hutt 357-1200.

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