

### **Children's Mass**

The Children's Mass, normally held from October to May at 10 am on the third Sunday of the month, is focused on sharing our faith with the children and youth of our parish during regular Sunday Mass. The children will actively participate by assuming the following roles: Greeters, Altar Servers, Lectors/Readers, Bearers of the Gifts and the Children's Choir.

### **Youth Group (youth 12-17 years of age)**

This ministry focuses on empowering young people to live their faith in the world today, drawing young people to participate in the life and mission of our parish community, and fostering the personal and spiritual growth of each young person reflected in the monthly Youth Mass, Youth Choir and community service projects. All of the above will be further enhanced by new friendships and lots of fun activities throughout the year. All adolescents at any stage of faith growth are welcome!

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

### **Adult Faith Formation Committee**

This ministry evaluates the educational needs of the parish and ensures that needed programs are in place. Volunteers are needed for the committee as well as for teams to plan and run the following current and proposed activities:

- Young Adult (18+) Groups
- Retreats and Seminars
- Advent and Lenten Talks
- Small Faith Sharing Groups
- Seasonal/Ongoing Prayer Groups

## **OUTREACH/SOCIAL JUSTICE**

The following ministries focus on looking beyond the four walls of our parish.

### **Communion to the Sick/Homebound**

This ministry will bring weekly communion to members of our parish family who are sick, terminally ill, home bound or in the hospital or a nursing home. Members must be approved by our pastor and participate in a formation session.

### **Parish Food Bank**

Teaming up with Manitoba Harvest, our parish food bank meets once a month on a Friday to serve people from our surrounding community. Volunteers are always needed in various areas including unloading the truck, setting up tables, and serving the recipients.

### **Development and Peace**

This ministry works to support the mission of Development and Peace with emphasis on both the Fall Action and Share Lent campaigns.

### **Refugee Committee**

The Refugee Committee endeavours to support individuals or families seeking asylum and relocation to our country. Activities include fundraising, collecting items of need and providing hands-on assistance to new arrivals.

### **Knitting Circle**

If you love to knit, enjoy the company of fellow parishioners while knitting toques and mittens for those adults and children in our community in need of warm winter accessories.

## **SOCIAL /FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

The first objective of all our parish social events is to promote community building and, from time to time, to also raise much needed funds. In addition to our annual fall suppers and pancake breakfasts, past activities have included perogy making, coffee houses, a pig roast, picnics, game nights and dinner theatres to name but a few. Needless to say, volunteers are always needed to plan, coordinate and work at such events. If you have any ideas for future social and/or fundraising events, we invite you to share your ideas with us.

## **MAINTENANCE AND OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are needed to help reduce the cost of maintenance of the church building and other expenses. Please consider sharing your skills in the following areas: Building maintenance (painting, carpentry, plumbing, cleaning, landscaping), office assistance, computer services (website, data entry, and social media).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
Check your Sunday Bulletin  
Talk to a member of the  
Parish Pastoral Council**

**or**

**Contact the parish office at  
204-669-0501  
[office@hrwpg.ca](mailto:office@hrwpg.ca)**

## **HOLY REDEEMER MINISTRIES**

# **An Invitation To Share Your Faith, Time and Talents**



*Now there are varieties of gifts,  
but the same Spirit;  
and there are varieties of services,  
but the same Lord;  
and there are varieties of activities,  
but it is the same God  
who activates all of them in everyone.  
To each is given the manifestation  
of the Spirit for the common good.*

Corinthians 12:4-6

**Please accept this brochure as an invitation to prayerfully consider sharing your faith and God-given talents by participating in, and/or volunteering with, at least one of these ministries and by doing so help to enhance our parish community.**

#### **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**

The Parish Pastoral Council encourages, promotes and evaluates the parish's pastoral activities and acts as a compass that helps the community maintain the course of its mission.

#### **Parish Finance Council**

The Parish Finance Council is a dedicated team of parishioners working with the Pastor to manage the finances and temporal needs of the parish.

#### **Ladies Auxiliary**

The objective of the Ladies Auxiliary is to unite the women of our Parish and to enhance the role of women in our church. The LA aims to protect the sanctity of human life and enhance Christian ideals in the home and family life. It also supports our Parish and community with numerous fundraising events and projects.

#### **Knights of Columbus Holy Redeemer**

The K of C support a variety of projects such as the 'Coats for Kids' program. Our commitment to charitable service is just one of the many ways that we express our Catholic faith. We're here to build a daily bridge back to what matters, for our members and fellow Catholics.

## **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

### **Liturgy Committee**

This committee assists in planning liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Committee members will meet regularly to assess and plan the year's activities as well as supply training and support to the liturgical teams that run various activities and programs.

### **Lector/Reader**

Lectors will be formed in the skills that ensure the scriptures are simply not read but rather proclaimed in a vibrant and life-giving manner. Lectors will be asked to attend periodic ministry meetings.

### **Altar Servers**

This important ministry is open to adults, families and children who have received their first Eucharist. All participants will receive training and will be required to attend periodic ministry meetings.

### **Music Ministries**

Sacred music contains its very own theological encounter with the presence of God. New choir members are always welcome. Those with instrumental talents are also invited to share their gifts to accompany the singers and enhance the overall musicality of the worship experience. Soundboard operators and other technical assistance is also required. All will be asked to attend rehearsals and ministry meetings periodically.

### **Liturgical Environment Team**

The Liturgical Environment Team is responsible for decorating the church and

chapel to reflect both the liturgical season and the scriptural readings for the season. Creativity is key for the success of this ministry.

## **HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES**

### **Greeters**

The genuine smiles of our greeters play a vital role in welcoming both parishioners as well as visitors to our worship services. An important role of the greeters is to not only warmly greet attendees but also answer any questions and provide new parishioners with our welcome package

### **Ushers**

In addition to assisting with seating, ushers also hand out worship aids, oversee the offertory collection, facilitate the communion procession and attend to the special needs of the assembly.

### **Coffee Fellowship**

While strictly social, the coffee fellowship following Sunday mass is an important ministry giving parishioners an opportunity to get to know each other better as well as welcome new parishioners. The coffee fellowship hospitality team will be responsible for setting up and taking down the space, preparing the trays and serving coffee and cookies.

## **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

### **Catechism**

This ministry assists in the passing on of our faith tradition to the children of our parish. Catechism classes are held at the

parish on Thursday evenings from October to May. There are many roles to be filled within the Catechism Ministry including class teachers, class assistants and office helpers.

### **Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

This ministry team supports the preparation of our children seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Those involved in this ministry make a weekly commitment for six sessions on Sundays from October to January. They must also agree to participate in Sunday liturgies as well as the required formation sessions to carry out this ministry.

### **Sacrament of First Communion**

This ministry team assists with the formation and preparation of our children seeking the Sacrament of Communion. Those involved in this ministry make a weekly commitment to attend eight classes (Sundays from February to May) and agree to participate in Sunday liturgies as well as ministry formation sessions to support them in their role.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

This ministry team assists with the formation and preparation of our youth seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Serving as catechists and facilitators, those who participate in this ministry journey with our Confirmation candidates over a period of several months from October to May. Formation and resources will be provided for the ministry team.