

At St. Patrick's, we believe the children in our parish family are very important and have just as much talent to offer the parish community as the adults. We ask our youth to prayerfully think about what time and talents they can share with our parish community and fill out a children's time and talent form. Volunteering as a family is a wonderful experience, and we encourage families to consider the many opportunities they can share together.

## 2012 STEWARDSHIP

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



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The following parish groups and ministries welcome new volunteers. Full training is available for all volunteer positions.

Time commitments vary.

**Adult Choir** - The members of the choir share their musical talent with our faith community at our 11:00 am Sunday Mass, as well as at other special liturgies.

**Altar Guild** - Members of the Altar Guild maintain the beauty of our church's sanctuary and the sacred vessels used at Mass.

**Altar Servers** - Altar servers are young people who assist the congregation and the Presider in the reverent celebration of Mass.

**Boy Scouts** - St. Patrick's Boy Scout Troop 18 helps boys from age 11 through 17 develop good morals and skills that they use throughout their lives.

**Cantors** - Men and women lead congregational singing by serving as cantors at weekend Masses.

**Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests** - Members gather to invoke the Holy Spirit, recite the Rosary, pray for the Holy Father, meditate on passages from *To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons*, and offer the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Charismatic Prayer Group** - This English-speaking group meets on Tuesday evenings for the celebration of the Eucharist and prayer within the spirituality of the Charismatic Renewal.

**Children's Choir** - The children of St. Patrick Parish raise their voices in praise to God during our 9:00 am Sunday Mass.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Members of the Children's Liturgy of the Word team lead our young children in understanding the Scripture during our 9:00 am Sunday Mass.

**Christian Outreach Committee** - The Christian Outreach Committee serves the homeless and needy of our community. Volunteers on the fourth Saturday of the month contribute, organize, and deliver food to three meal centers in Lawrence. They gather other items requested by these facilities, as well as canned good for our parish's food pantry.

**Christian Visitation Committee** - Members care for the spiritual needs of the sick and elderly of our community through distribution of the Eucharist and friendly visits.

**Christmas Fair Committee** - Our parish's Christmas Fair, which is held every December, includes games, raffles, craft tables, and food.

**Circulo de Oración** - This Spanish-speaking group meets after our 7:00 pm Tuesday Mass to reflect and pray within the spirituality of the Charismatic Renewal.

**Cofradía del Sagrado Corazón** - This Spanish-speaking group meets every Friday to consecrate our parish and the world through prayer and service.

**Colonial Heights Nursing Home** - Volunteers serve the residents of Colonial Heights Nursing Home through rosary groups, monthly Mass, distribution of the Eucharist, and friendly visits.



More information may be found on our web site at:  
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**Comité de Actividades Marianas** - The members of this Spanish-speaking committee plan a variety of Marian activities, including major annual feasts.

**Cor Unum Meal Center** - Volunteers of all ages prepare meals, cook, serve, clean, and maintain our state-of-the-art meal center, which serves hundreds of people each day, 365 days a year.

**Coro 12:30 pm** - The choir at our 12:30 pm Sunday Mass leads our community in an exceptionally uplifting experience of prayer and song.

**Coro 7:00 pm** - The members of our 7:00 pm Sunday Mass choir provide beautiful liturgical music for the congregation.

**Cursillistas** - Cursillistas, who have experienced a three-day Cursillo, meet weekly to continue their faith formation and to build a community of love and discipleship.

**Cursos Bíblicos** - St. Patrick's offers Spanish-language bible courses various days each week, helping members grow in their understanding and living of God's Word.

**English as a Second Language** - St. Patrick's offers ESL classes for adults who wish to begin or improve their English skills.

**Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy** - Members take part in a guided study program that includes the exploration of Sacred Scripture, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and the *Diary of St. Faustina*.

**Family Faith Formation** - The Family Faith Formation team organizes large events that bring together hundreds of parishioners of all ages and languages to explore and grow in understanding our Catholic faith.

**French Prayer Group** - The members of the French Prayer Group gather every Tuesday morning to pursue prayer for vocations, the sick, and a variety of other intentions.

**Friends of Saint Anne** - The Friends of Saint Anne create beautiful baptismal robes for all of the children who are baptized at St. Patrick Parish.

**Funeral Servers** - Funeral Servers are adults who assist the congregation and the Presider with the reverent celebration of Funeral Masses.

**Girl Scouts** - St. Patrick's Girl Scouts is an extracurricular activity for girls from kindergarten through twelfth grade that is dedicated to helping girls build character and skills that will serve them all their lives.

**Giving Tree** - The Giving Tree is an Advent outreach project that provides clothing for hundreds of children in need during the Christmas Season.

**Grupo de Jóvenes** - This group of Spanish-speaking young people gathers weekly for Bible study and the sharing of faith and life experiences.

**High School Basketball** - St. Patrick's offers a popular Sunday night basketball program for young people of high school age and older.

**Junior Youth Ministry** - St. Patrick's Junior Youth Ministry helps young people in grades five through eight to grow in their Catholic faith through social and spiritual activities.

**Men of St. Patrick** - The Men of St. Patrick is a fraternity of men who serve the parish through acts of service and charity, as well as annual social gatherings.

**Movimento Pro-Vida** - The Spanish-speaking Movimento Pro-Vida organizes activities to foster the Gospel of Life.

**Our Lady's Sodality** - Members of Our Lady's Sodality organize spiritual, charitable, and social activities that honor and praise Jesus Christ through Mary.

**Parish Health Ministry** - Parish Health Ministry combines nursing and ministry to assist individuals of all ages with their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

**Pastoral Matrimonial** - The Spanish-speaking Pastoral Matrimonial promotes opportunities for family growth.

**Prayer Line** - Prayer Line members offer five minutes of prayer each day for intentions that are called in to our parish and published on a monthly list.

**Pro-Life Group** - Members of the Pro-Life Group foster through prayer and action the critically important Gospel of Life.

**Religious Education Program** - Our Religious Education program fosters our children's loving relationships with Jesus Christ and their understanding of our Catholic faith, with programming in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, and for children and adults with disabilities.

**Saint Patrick's Cheerleaders** - St. Patrick's Cheerleading helps build the self-esteem, sportsmanship, and social skills of St. Patrick's young women.

**Saint Patrick's Basketball** - The St. Patrick's Basketball league is designed for building the social skills and interaction of children in grades five through eight.

**Television Team** - Members of our Television Team operate cameras at the 9:00 am Mass and 12:30 pm Masses on Sundays, as well as for the taping of special programming.

**Ushers** - Ushers organize the offertory collection, distribute bulletins, say goodbye to people as they leave Mass, and reorder pews and mis-salettes after Mass.

**Vacation Bible School** - Volunteers of all ages help plan, prepare, and present our one-week summer Vacation Bible School.

**Vietnamese Choir** - The members of the Vietnamese Choir provide uplifting music for our 3:00 pm Sunday Masses.

**Website Team** - The Website Team creates and maintains our website, [www.saintpatrickparish.com](http://www.saintpatrickparish.com).

**Youth Folk Group** - The Youth Folk Group blesses St. Patrick's with awesome music during our 5:30 pm Sunday Mass and at other seasonal liturgies.