

# Holy Spirit Parish

## Time and Talent Opportunities

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Stewardship is based on the understanding that all we have and all that we are is a gift from God... *our time, our talent, our money and even the gift of life itself.* We show our gratitude for these gifts by returning a portion of them back to God.

When we consider our participation in stewardship, we need to include our time and talent as well as our treasure. As with our sacrificial giving of treasure, giving time and talent expresses our gratitude to the God who has given us these gifts.

Our gifts of time and talent do not substitute for the gifts of our financial resources, nor do our gifts of treasure substitute for our gifts of time and talent. All are gifts from God. Our prayerful gifts of time, talent and treasure are concrete expressions of our faith – the way we give glory to God.

You are invited to be a Christian steward of your God-given gifts of time and talent. Listed within the next few pages are many opportunities for your consideration.

If you have any questions or need more specific information about a ministry area, please call the listed contact person, Tracy Morrissey in the Development Office 913-492-7318 ext. 133, or email [tmorrissey@hscatholic.org](mailto:tmorrissey@hscatholic.org). We ask you to prayerfully reflect over these opportunities and ask yourself, "How will I give back to God this coming year by serving others in His name?"

## Parish Management Committees

### \*Parish Support

#### **Clerical Help Volunteers**

Stuff envelopes for mailings, photocopy or other miscellaneous tasks for the church office. Easy, flexible opportunity that supports your faith community church office. Commitment would be minimal and can vary to fit your schedule: On call, weekly, monthly, quarterly, only during school year, or only during the summer.

Contact: Rochelle Johnson, parish secretary, for more information, 913-492-7318.

#### **Martha/Mary Room Kitchen**

Maintain order of the kitchen in Martha/Mary Room. Keeps drawers organized and counters clean. Commitment is one hour twice a month.

Contact: Fritz Olberding for more information, [angellucy@everestkc.net](mailto:angellucy@everestkc.net) or 913-888-5763.

#### **Wedding Coordinator**

Assist Jean Fecteau with wedding rehearsals and weddings. Commitment depends on frequency of weddings.

Contact: Jean Fecteau for more information, [jfecteau28950@everestkc.net](mailto:jfecteau28950@everestkc.net) or 913-897-1771.

### \*Legacy Society

Parishioners who have committed a planned gift to Holy Spirit Parish through life insurance, IRA, pension accounts, stocks, property or a bequest in a will or living trust.

Contact: Dutch tenBroek for more information, [dutcht@everestkc.net](mailto:dutcht@everestkc.net) or 913-642-8396.

## *\* Legacy Board*

Encourages the Holy Spirit parish family by cultivating our Catholic ministries through a legacy of planned giving, by facilitating the delivery of planned information and promoting the charitable opportunities within our parish. Meets monthly on 2nd Monday of month, consists of 8-10 members. Commitment of 1-2 hours per month for a two year commitment.  
Contact: Dutch tenBroek for more information, dutcht@everestkc.net or 913-642-8396.

## *\* Stewardship Committee*

Seeks ways to educate parishioners about stewardship of time, talent and treasure. Plans ways of getting the parishioners involved within the parish and becoming an active part of their faith family.  
Contact: John Gillcrist for more information, J.Gillcrist@bartlettcattle.com or 913-859-9552.

## *\* Finance Council/Parish Council*

Assists pastor with proper financial management of the parish, including annual budget preparation, establishment of financial policies and controls, supervision of operations and Capital Campaign drives and other ad hoc financial issues. This committee also functions as a Parish Council to aid the Pastor in a broad scope of parish issues. Meets quarterly, consists of 8-10 members, each serving a three year term. Average quarterly commitment is 1 to 3 hours. As vacancies arise, positions will be filled.  
Contact: Don Watson for more information, watsix@everestkc.net or 913-492-0973.

## *\* Communication Committee*

Develops and executes the communications program for internal groups and external publications.

### **Graphic Designers**

Design brochures and other publications. Commitment is 2-3 hours a month depending on special projects.

### **Media Relations Specialist**

Make contact with local media and assist in marketing the parish. Commitment is 2-3 hours a month.

### **Photographers**

Take pictures during parish activities and maintain photo library. Commitment is 1-2 hours monthly based on parish events. Can be done for service hours!

### **Writers**

Write bulletin articles, feature stories, press releases, and other needed literature. Commitment is 2-3 hours a month.  
Contact: Laura Beran Weber for more information, lweber@hscatholic.org or 913-492-7318 ext. 104.

## *\* Collection Counters*

A team is scheduled to count on Monday mornings. A substitute list is maintained as well.  
Contact: Parish accountants for more information, parishaccountant@hscatholic.org or 913-492-7318.

## *\* Technology Committee*

Supports current technology including development and website maintenance. Consults with other committees to determine future needs of the Parish. Meets quarterly. Commitment will vary.

### **Web Site Input**

Keep the website info updated with information provided to you from the various parish groups. Commitment averages 2-3 hours per month for updates and meetings.  
Contact: Deacon Jim Lavin, Webmaster, for more information, jlavin@hscatholic.org or 913-492-7318.

# Liturgy

## \*Ministries

Please choose only one of the following ministries that serve during the celebration of the Mass. Formal training is required.

### **Sacristans**

Provides the care and upkeep of the sanctuary and prepares the environment for Mass, Baptisms, and other worship services. This includes setting out the vessels and elements of bread and wine before Mass as well as cleaning up after Mass. This may also include setting up of Baptismal oils and supplies and cleaning up after Baptisms. Commitment depends on the number of participants. Contact: Lisa Ney for more information, [jney@kc.rr.com](mailto:jney@kc.rr.com) or 816-803-8127.

### **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

This is a Commissioned Ministry. Individuals assist the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion under both species to parishioners during the Mass. Commitment depends on the number of participants.

Contact: Kathleen Kaufman (trainer) for more information, [kakaufman6@gmail.com](mailto:kakaufman6@gmail.com) or 913-894-8161, or Denise Slaven (scheduler), [dslaven@hscatholic.org](mailto:dslaven@hscatholic.org), (Cell) 913-963-5633, (Work) 913-492-7318 ext. 151.

### **Lectors**

Lay readers who deliver Scripture readings, intercessions and introductory comments during Sunday and Holyday Masses. Commitment depends on the number of participants.

Contact: Jerry Gerstberger (trainer) for more information, [jgerstberger@kc.rr.com](mailto:jgerstberger@kc.rr.com) or 913-888-3740, or Denise Slaven (scheduler), [dslaven@hscatholic.org](mailto:dslaven@hscatholic.org), (Cell) 913-963-5633, (Work) 913-492-7318 ext. 151.

### **Servers (Grades 5-8)**

Assists the celebrant before, during and after the Mass. Servers may also be asked to assist with special liturgies like Stations of the Cross, Penance Services, etc. Commitment depends on the number of participants.

Contact: Deacon Jim Lavin for more information, [jlavin@hscatholic.org](mailto:jlavin@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-7318 ext. 150.

### **Ushers**

Create a welcoming environment at weekend and Holyday liturgies as well as assisting in seating parishioners, taking up collections, and passing out information at Mass. Ushers work on four-person teams and work every third month (i.e., four times a year for a month at a time). We are looking for substitutes for all times.

Contact: Dan Rohde for more information, [dan\\_rohde@hotmail.com](mailto:dan_rohde@hotmail.com) or 913-469-5669.

## \*Liturgical Environment

Assists in the planning of all aspects of the liturgical year and enhances the spiritual environment for the celebration of the Sacraments. Meets monthly, consists of the individual ministry's coordinators, generally serving a two-year term. As vacancies arise, positions will be filled.

### **Altar Linens and Server Albs**

Launder and iron the altar linens at home, between Tuesday and Friday each week. Commitment is dependent on the size of our committee.

Contact: Lisa Boddicker for more information, 913-681-2111.

### **Environment**

Create, through seasonal décor and design, a spiritual environment which helps to lead the parish to a fuller participation in the celebration of the Liturgy and Sacraments. Responsibilities include periodic receiving and watering of floral plant arrangements, installing/maintaining textiles and assisting in the preparation and storage of Easter, Christmas, Lent and Advent decorations.

Commitment is 1-2 hours per month; will vary due to liturgical seasons and events.

Contact: Kathy Koenig for more information, 913-485-6734.

### **Altar Society**

Give glory to God through the maintenance of the interior of our Church and Adoration Chapel. Includes, but is not limited to, the dusting of pews, sanctuary, and sacristy. Commitment is 1-2 hours per month.

Contact: Lisa Boddicker for more information, 913-681-2111.

## *\*Homebound Eucharist*

Trained Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to bring prayer, and the presence in the Eucharist to those Catholics who are hospitalized, homebound, living in assisted living, or in long-term care facilities.

### **Overland Park Regional**

Takes Communion to the hospitalized at Overland Park Regional Hospital on Tuesday or Wednesday. Commitment varies.  
Contact: Denise Woidela for more information, woidela@att.net or 913-663-4170.

### **Del Mar Gardens**

Take Communion to residents of Del Mar Gardens on Sundays.  
Contact: Joan Hughes for more information, jkhughes@kc.rr.com or 913-888-2845.

### **The Emeritus at Overland Park**

Take Communion to residents of The Emeritus at Overland Park on Tuesdays.  
Contact: Carol Denning for more information, gdenning839@gmail.com or 913-956-7161

### **The Gables**

Takes Communion to residents of The Gables, an assisted living center at 117th and Nieman, on Tuesdays of each week. Weekly commitment of 1-2 hours on a rotating basis.  
Contact: Deacon Jim Lavin for more information, jlaven@hscatholic.org or 913-492-7318 ext. 150.

### **The Homebound**

Takes Communion to homebound parishioners. Commitment varies.  
Contact: Parish office for more information, 913-492-7318.

## *\*Music*

We welcome all who wish to share their musical gifts in leading the congregation in song at Sunday Masses, funerals, weddings and/or other liturgies.

### **Cantors**

Lead the congregation in God's word through song. Talent with a desire to rehearse and continually strive to better oneself, and desire to minister to others is important.  
Commitment: rehearsal with accompanist as well as arriving 30 minutes prior to Mass to prepare.

### **High School Cantors**

Those students taking voice lessons and feeling called are encouraged to lead the congregation in God's word.

### **Accompanists**

We are always in need of musicians with piano and organ accompanying skills. Commitment depends on the number of participants.

### **Instrumentalists**

High school students, as well as adults, are encouraged to share their love of music. Instrumentalists add to the beauty of our liturgies. We are especially interested in those who play flute, trumpet, harp, dulcimer, violin, viola and cello. Commitment: rehearsal with accompanist as well as arriving 30 minutes prior to Mass to prepare.

Contact: Denise Slaven, Music Liturgy Director, for more information, dslaven@hscatholic.org, (Cell) 913-963-5633, (Work) 913-492-7318 ext. 151.

### **Adult Choir**

Large group that sings at the 10:30 Mass three Sundays a month plus Christmas and Easter. Commitment: Rehearsal on Thursday evenings.

Contact: Tim McDonald for more information, timothy.mcdonald@rockhurst.edu or 913-216-5872.

### **Ensemble**

A small choir with guitar, flute and piano accompaniment. The Ensemble sings at the 9:00 Mass three Sundays a month plus Christmas and Easter. Commitment: Rehearsal on Wednesday evenings.

Contact: Connie Maltby for more information, cmaltby@everestkc.net or 913-599-5940.

## *\*Prayer Chain*

Prayer requests are called in to the parish office from parishioners for the needs of our parish, families, friends, etc. A prayer chain of numerous participants takes part in saying a portion of the rosary or additional prayers for each request. Luisa Mulvaney keeps a participant list.

Contact: Luisa Mulvaney, Coordinator, for information on becoming a prayer chain participant, 913-495-9802.

Contact: Pat Maiorano, parish office assistant,  
913-492-7318 ext. 124 to request prayer.

## *\*Rosary*

Recited Monday through Friday after the 6:45 A.M. Mass; Thursdays at 2:50 P.M.; Saturdays at 3:30 P.M. and Sundays at 7:00 A.M. Also, all ages, including children, are welcome to meet each Friday morning at 7:45 A.M. to pray the rosary for our parish, our school and your intentions at 10100 Barton Street.

Contact: Denise Slaven, Music Liturgy Director, for more information, [dslaven@hscatholic.org](mailto:dslaven@hscatholic.org), (Cell) 913-963-5633, (Work) 913-492-7318 ext. 151.

## *\*Adoration Chapel*

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Offers parishioners an opportunity to meditate and pray in the adoration chapel for a minimum of one hour each week. Commitment may vary according to your schedule.

Contact: George and Maggie Lents for more information, [glents@kc.rr.com](mailto:glents@kc.rr.com) or 913-492-3239.

## *\*Children's Liturgy of the Word*

Brings each Sunday's readings to life in language tailored to children, kindergarten through fourth grade. They are involved as readers, actors or singers. Must be Virtus trained.

### **Children's Liturgy Program Facilitator**

Oversees program design and preparation. Also directs volunteers associated with the program. Time required during peak periods can be 6-8 hours a week; most weeks' time commitment is less than an hour a week.

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

Leads children in a one hour class. Preparation time is minimal as curriculum and supplies are provided. Commitment is for one school year.

### **Children's Liturgy Aides and Mass-Time Volunteers**

Assist in the classroom with no advance preparation required. Commitment is for one school year.

Contact: Katie Young for more information, 913-485-7157.

## *Education*

### *\*Holy Spirit Catholic School*

We welcome parishioners to help out in many areas of the school. If you would like to help in any of the opportunities below, Contact: Kathleen Currie, office manager at [hspirit@hscatholic.org](mailto:hspirit@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-2582. Must be Virtus trained.

### **Lunchroom Helpers**

Serve lunch, record keeping, tally orders, or assist with younger students.

### **Teacher Needs**

Working with students or groups of students; odd jobs to help teachers, helping with bulletin boards, project preparation, read aloud to students, mystery guest, or share a talent, hobby or career with a class of students.

**Recess Aide**

Help our teachers monitor the students while outside at recess.

## *\*School of Religion (S.O.R.)*

Teaches Catholic doctrine to parish children attending public or private schools. Classes meet on Wednesday afternoons and/or evenings during the school year. Must be Virtus trained.

**Catechist**

Teach the Catholic faith to parish children attending public or private schools. Must have a basic understanding of Church teachings, be a person of faith, willing to learn, and able to follow the steps of a lesson plan in the text material. We have a support system for you. Commitment of Wednesday afternoons and/or evenings during the school year.

**Assistant Catechist**

Assist in the classroom and help the catechist. Commitment of Wednesday afternoons and/or evenings during the school year.

**Office Help**

Occasionally assist with office tasks such as mailings, copying, filing, cutting, folding, etc. to support our Religious Education program. This could be during the week or during Wednesday evening class times.

**Childcare Provider**

Care for younger children of catechists during classroom sessions or meetings. Commitment of Wednesday afternoons and/or evenings during the school year.

**Substitute Catechist**

Fill in for catechists when they cannot be there. Sometimes it's planned, sometimes it's without notice. Lesson plans are provided. Commitment during the school year on an "on call" basis.

**Activity Helper**

Come in for special "craft" activities to lend an extra hand. Help lead children in devotions, i.e. praying the rosary, adoration, Stations of the Cross before or after Wednesday sessions.

Contact: Sister M. Teresa Pandl, FSGM, Director of Religious Education, for more information, [srteresa@hscatholic.org](mailto:srteresa@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-7382.

## *\*Confirmation*

Confirmation is a two-year program and preparation for parish youth usually in Seventh and Eighth grade or School of religion classrooms.

**For high school student confirmation:**

Contact: Lynn Mayer, Director of Youth Ministries, for more information, [lmayer@hscatholic.org](mailto:lmayer@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-7318 ext. 123.

**For adult confirmation:**

Contact: Cathy Madrid, R.C.I.A Director, for more information, [cmadrid@hscatholic.org](mailto:cmadrid@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-7318 ext. 111.

## *\*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)*

Provides education for all who desire to become fully initiated in the Catholic Faith through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The length of the RCIA process varies for each individual. Typically, the process begins in September and runs through Pentecost (late May/early June). The process may be shorter or longer depending on personal circumstances.

**Participants**

Those who desire to learn more or become fully initiated in the Catholic faith. Commitment includes some preparation and weekly attendance to sessions.

**Sponsors**

Those who desire to welcome and support a RCIA participant who wants to learn about the Catholic faith and enter the Church. Sponsors are asked to attend the weekly sessions to the best of their ability.

**Catechists**

Individual interested in teaching various topics during the RCIA process. Commitment can vary to meet your schedule.

Contact: Cathy Madrid, R.C.I.A Director, for more information, [cmadrid@hscatholic.org](mailto:cmadrid@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-7318

## *\*Christ Renews His Parish (C.R.H.P.)*

Christ Renews His Parish is a copyrighted parish renewal process that has existed since 1969 and been recommended by the renewal office of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and Archbishop Naumann.

Men and women of the parish attend separate renewal weekends led by fellow parishioners under Fr. Storey and Deacon Jim's guidance. CRHP is based on Word and Sacrament and uses much prayer, scripture, sharing and liturgy. It allows for parishioners to deepen their relationship with Christ. The weekend also offers an excellent opportunity to get to know other people of the parish.

Christ Renews His Parish is structured so that it becomes part of normal parish life without becoming another parish organization. It supports other parish organizations and ministries and sends renewed parishioners into these groups. The whole process is much more than just a weekend experience.

Contact: Deacon Jim Lavin for more information, [jlavin@hscatholic.org](mailto:jlavin@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-7318.

## *\*Vacation Bible School (V.B.S.)*

Our parish offers a week of VBS each summer to children entering into K-5th grades in the fall. Approximately 200 students attend each year. Our students will learn scripture stories, virtues and lives of the saints, all re-enforced through music, games, crafts and interactive skits. There is a need for a great number of volunteers to make this all happen. The program takes place mornings 8:30-12:00 for one week in June.

Must be Virtus trained.

### **V.B.S. Program Co-Directors**

Oversee the organizing and running of the week.

### **V.B.S. MC (Master of Ceremonies)**

Lead the children in learning songs and introduce the daily Bible point during the opening and closing sessions each day.

### **V.B.S. Class Leaders**

In charge of a class of approximately 15 students for the week directing their class to the various stations: activities, snacks, outside games and Bible Adventure as well as teaching the Saint of the day. Commitment is 5 hours pre-program then each day of VBS.

### **V.B.S. Craft/Activity Leaders**

In charge of planning crafts and activities for the week of VBS, purchasing necessary supplies and leading the team of volunteers. Commitment includes time spent planning as well as the week of VBS.

### **V.B.S. Skit Coordinator**

Works with youth volunteers during VBS to put on skits for the opening and closing sessions each day.

### **V.B.S. Snack Coordinator**

Plans, buys and distributes snacks the week of VBS.

### **V.B.S. Outside Games Coordinator**

Plans and oversees the outside games the week of VBS.

### **V.B.S. Bible Adventure Leaders**

Teach the daily scripture story through interactive skits the week of VBS.

### **V.B.S. Youth Volunteers**

For students entering grades 7 on up. Youth volunteers help in all aspects of VBS: classroom aides, outdoor games, skits, crafts & activities, nursery and Bible Adventures.

Contact: Sister M. Teresa Pandl, FSGM, Director of Religious Education, for more information, [srteresa@hscatholic.org](mailto:srteresa@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-7382.

## *\* Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*

Classes that help children encounter the living God through presentations based on the Bible and Liturgy. Children and catechists nurture their relationship with Jesus within a prepared environment (atrium). Must be Virtus trained.

### **Good Shepherd Catechist**

A teacher who works in the Catechesis atrium, an environment specially prepared with age appropriate materials in this Montessori based religious formation program. Class times vary throughout the week during the school year. Must go through formal training given by the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

### **Good Shepherd Catechist Aides**

Assist the catechist and the children in the atrium. Help by reading scripture to young children, light candles for prayer, sharpen pencils, maintain supplies, etc.

### **Carpenters**

Make materials used by children in the atrium, for example, a small altar table, sacristy cabinet, shelving, dioramas, small lectern, hinged boxes, and other miscellaneous projects. Specific dimensions and patterns are available.

### **Seamstresses**

Sew simple, small priest vestments, small altar cloths, and small tablecloths for a child.

### **Artists and Sculptors**

Make a small geographical map, globe, and/or clay figures of important biblical characters, i.e., Blessed Mother, Elizabeth, Angel Gabriel, Joseph, Simeon, etc.

Contact: Sister M. Teresa Pandl, FSGM, Director of Religious Education, for more information, [srteresa@hscatholic.org](mailto:srteresa@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-7382.

## *\* School of Faith:*

School of Faith is a public association of the faithful that provides ongoing adult catechesis throughout the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. It provides ongoing formation to the teachers in all 44 of the Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas.

School of Faith offers doctrinal and spiritual formation for Catholics through catechetical programs that stress the call to prayer, virtue, and holiness of life, with a particular emphasis on mentoring those who have the responsibility to teach the faith to others.

School of Faith is a program of adult catechesis primarily designed to provide doctrinal and spiritual formation for Catholic school teachers, administrators, spiritual mentors and individuals. Its purpose is to lay the theological foundation upon which an authentic Catholic culture can be developed. It is comprehensive in its content, but always with the goal of explaining the faith in a simple and engaging way.

As stressed by the Church at the Second Vatican Council, Catholic schools have the task of leading young people to a deep encounter with Jesus Christ. This entails providing them an apprenticeship in Christian living as well as renewing Catholic culture through the development of the physical, intellectual, moral, social and especially spiritual capacities of the next generation.

Contact: The School of Faith Faculty for more information, <http://www.schooloffaith.com>, or 913-310-0014.

## *\* Apostles of the Interior Life*

Apostles of the Interior Life help their brothers and sisters discover Christ in their lives and teach them to imitate Him in every way. They do this especially through Evangelization, Retreats & Parish Missions. Their specializations are Vocational Discernment, Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Direction.

Contact: Sr. Susan Pieper, Superior, for more information, [susanmarie.avi@gmail.com](mailto:susanmarie.avi@gmail.com) or 785-856-7717.



## *\*Youth Ministries*

### **Youthful Spirits Choir**

The Youthful Spirits Choir is a contemporary upbeat music ministry. Membership is open to anyone 16 years of age or older. ALL instruments and vocal styles are welcomed. Rehearsals are Sundays at 5:00 P.M. before the 6:30 Mass.  
Contact: Catherine Boone, Youthful Spirits Director, for more information, cboone@hscatholic.org, or 913-599-5973.

### **Teen Mass Volunteers:**

Lectors, Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Masses. Commitment depends on number of volunteers. Training available. For more information contact the following:

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Contact: Kathleen Kaufman, kakaufman@kc.rr.com, or 913-894-8161.

### **Lectors:**

Contact: Jerry Gerstberger, jgerstberger@kc.rr.com, or 913-449-5591.

### **Ushers:**

Contact: Dan Rohde, dan\_rohde@hotmail.com, or 913-469-5669.

### **High School Youth Ministry**

Youth group for grades 9-12. Offers opportunities for parish youth to engage in social events, grow in their faith, and serve their local community. Youth group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays after the 10:30 Mass-1:15 in St Elizabeth Hall. We also offer a bible study on the 1st Sunday of the month after the 10:30 mass at Panera at Oakpark mall. All high school students are welcome to join us.

Core Team members are adults who take time to walk with the teens of our parish in their faith journey. They help plan and execute youth ministry events. Proper training is offered. Please call Lynn if you are interested in helping. **Must be Virtus trained.**

Contact: Lynn Mayer, Director of Youth Ministries, for more information, lmayer@hscatholic.org or 913-492-7318 ext 123.

### **EDGE: Jr. High Youth Ministry**

Youth group for grades 7 and 8. Offers opportunity for youth to socialize with other Parish teens and develop their faith. Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 6:30 P.M. to 7:45 P.M. in Martha/Mary Room. Must be Virtus trained.

### **EDGE Adult Volunteers**

Core Team Members for Jr. High programs to help facilitate, guide and aid youth group meetings.

Contact: Lynn Mayer, Director of Youth Ministries, for more information, lmayer@hscatholic.org or 913-492-7318 ext. 123.

## *Parish Organizations*

### *\*Knights of Columbus*

This Catholic family fraternal service organization is open to Catholic men 18 and older. The Knights participate in service projects such as Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities, Respect Life and Adopt-A-Seminarian. Service activities include organizing the parish Fun Fair, Sunday pancake breakfasts, Lenten dinners, youth free throw contests, play along football, and much more. Evening meetings are held monthly for about one hour on the second Sunday of the month. Program/event commitment varies to fit your interests and schedule.

Contact: Tim Homburg for more information, grandknight@kofc11661.com or 913-707-9164

### *\*Men of St. Joseph*

This group of men meet weekly to pray, read the upcoming Sunday gospel or a catechetical text, and discuss the reading/text. It is open to all men, but caters its meeting times to accommodate the busy working father. There are no dues and there is no obligation to attend every meeting. They meet every Tuesday from 6:30AM – 7:30AM.

Contact: Thomas Hubbell for more information, thomasjhubbell@yahoo.com, or 913-213-9013; or Tim Chik, tchik@archkck.org or 913-749-7609.

## *\*St. Gerard's Circle*

A ministry for all mothers. This group provides friendship in our parish, a Catholic foundation for our children, continued spiritual guidance and community involvement. Activities include: playgroups, moms' time out, family events, couples events and community service. Commitment can vary to meet your schedule.

Contact: Annie Smilie for more information, [smiliefam@gmail.com](mailto:smiliefam@gmail.com) or 913-217-7055 or  
Membership: Erin Fuhrman at [erinfuhrman@gmail.com](mailto:erinfuhrman@gmail.com)

## *\*St. Monica's Circle*

A small group of women from Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity parishes involved in service and social activities. Meetings held on 1st Monday of each month. Commitment of 2-3 hours.

Contact: Mary Ann Wier for more information, [rwier@kc.rr.com](mailto:rwier@kc.rr.com) or 913-888-8142.

## *\*Women of Spirit*

This women's group encourages friendship and spiritual growth for parish women of all ages, married or single. Promotes the practice of outreach through social gatherings, monthly meetings, annual retreat, field trips, addressing community needs and fundraising. Attend as your calendar and interests allow.

### **Coordinator**

Works as a board to design and implement social, spiritual, and informational activities that will enrich the lives and friendships of the women of the parish. The board consists of 12-15 members. As vacancies arise, positions are filled. Average monthly commitment is 4-6 hours a month depending on level of activity.

### **Member**

Meets on the first Monday of each month. There are many other activities planned throughout the year. Commitment can vary to meet your schedule.

Contact: Mary Campbell, Volunteer Coordinator, for more information,  
[marycampbell\\_129@hotmail.com](mailto:marycampbell_129@hotmail.com) or  
913-710-8297.

## *\*Dining Out With Spirit*

A fun activity to help make our large parish family seem a little smaller. Couples and singles are welcome. Meet your group at a chosen restaurant. Commitment is five evenings a year or more depending on your schedule.

### **Dining Out with Spirit Committee**

Coordinates groups for dinners and helps with the three annual parties involved with Dining Out With Spirit.

### **Dining Out With Spirit Participant**

Participants are asked to host one evening per year by selecting the restaurant of their choice.

Contact: Maria O'Bryan for more information,  
913-894-1443.

## *\*Men of Faith and Spirit*

Provides an opportunity for men to support each other more fully, in their understanding and application of the Scriptures to their daily lives. Enables men to better practice the fullness of the Catholic faith within all aspects of their lives (i.e., as a husband, father, employee, employer, co-worker, friend, parishioner, etc.). Two meeting times to choose from: Friday 9:00-10:00 A.M. or Sunday 7:30-8:30 A.M.

Contact: Dave Boone for more information about Friday meetings, [davidhboone@aol.com](mailto:davidhboone@aol.com)  
or 913-492-2878.

Contact: Mike Schreck for more information about the Sunday meetings,  
[michaelschreck@everestkc.net](mailto:michaelschreck@everestkc.net) or 913-438-1809.

## *\*Women's Bible Study*

A study of Scripture where you can expand your knowledge of the Bible and develop a deeper understanding of your faith. Weekly Bible study meetings are held during the school year. The study includes Scripture readings, questions for home study and discussion on those questions. Class includes a DVD lecture by a popular scripture expert. Scripture study is combined with fellowship and prayer.

### **Prayer Leader:**

Conducts opening prayers and directs meeting. Helps room set up and clean up.

### **Administrator:**

Organizes schedule, prepares lessons, liaison with the parish staff, conducts opening prayer, oversees room set up and clean up, and maintains attendance sheet. Commitment: Attends weekly leaders meeting in addition to the regular meeting.

### **Discussion Leader:**

Lead small group discussion of home study lesson; assist in room set up and clean up. Commitment: Attends weekly leaders meeting in addition to regular meeting.

Contact: Judy Weeks for more information, 913-385-0089.

## *\*Spirit Movers*

The over 50 parish group. Social activities throughout the year such as Lunch Bunch, golf, casinos, Long Branch time, and T-bones games. Spiritual and service support of the parish such as garage sale cashiers, Fun Fair cake walk and bake sales. Commitment can vary to meet your schedule.

Contact: Joe Kolich for more information, 913-888-3123.

## *\*Ladies Bridge Group*

Women of the parish who meet the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 A.M. Commitment is for one year.

Contact: Mary Dobbins for more information, 913-888-4770.

## *\*Welcome Committee*

Our mission is to personally engage new members into our Holy Spirit Parish Community. This committee meets quarterly and coordinates volunteers for visits to new members and follow up activities. Each core member serves a two-year term.

Volunteers meet and sign-up new members following weekend Mass services at a table in the gathering space; visit new members in their homes and provide parish information; host Sunday donuts and coffee; help set-up, serve and clean up serving area on a scheduled basis.

Contact: Carol Clune for more information, carolick4kds@aol.com or 913-541-9372 or

Gary McCoy at garyemccoy@aol.com or 913-338-4015.

## *Community Outreach*

### *\*Giving Tree*

Annual Christmas event. Agencies supply Holy Spirit Parish with names of individuals and their needs. Names and information is written on ornaments that decorate a tree in the gathering space. Parishioners pick out an ornament and supply the needs. Gifts are sorted and delivered to the agencies.

### **Coordinator**

Organizes the project. Receives names of the children and/or the organization in need, collects and delivers the donations.

### **Volunteer**

Prepares ornaments and sets up the Christmas tree; works the Masses restocking the tree with ornaments, coordinates volunteers to help during the collection and delivery and assists in the collection or delivery of donations. Commitment can vary to meet your schedule.

Contact: Debbie Kovarik for more information, deb6k@aol.com or 913-526-8225.

## *\*Habitat for Humanity*

A nonprofit, Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty by giving a hand up, not a hand out, by helping people build decent housing, thus helping to eliminate homelessness from the world one family at a time. Commitment varies as projects are created.

Contact: Dan Rohde for more information, dan\_rohde@hotmail.com or 913-469-5669.

## *\*Holy Spirit Helpers*

Assist Holy Spirit parishioners that are in need of help with yard/garden work, repairs or small chores, transportation, painting a room or replacing a fixture.

### **Coordinator**

Schedules projects for Holy Spirit families in need.

### **Volunteer**

Provide transportation to and from appointments and errands, light housekeeping, general yard work and minor repairs.

Contact: Jim Kennedy for more information, jkhshelpers@gmail.com or 913-492-6726, or

Lyn Crowder at lcrowder@hscatholic.org or 913-492-7382.

## *\*Respect Life Program*

Promotes the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death. This group strives to achieve this by being involved in parish and community activities; through prayer and loving service to others while promoting a deep family love in the home and beyond, and seeking to serve those in need in our own neighborhood, church and community.

### **Pro-Life Event Volunteer**

Volunteers to help facilitate pro-life activities such as the October Respect Life "Life Chain" and the Friends for Life Mother's Day Collection.

Contact: Dave and Joyce Boone for more information, davidhboone@aol.com or 913-492-2878.

## *\*Santa Gertrudis (Project Hope)*

Works to continue building a spiritual, cultural, and charitable relationship with our sister parish in Honduras by participating in the development and implementation of goals for the mission project. A group visits Santa Gertrudis about every two years. Our Holy Spirit Parish has helped build a care center for the elderly and an AIDS clinic. Three different groups of parishioners started Project Hope, a program that provides fresh water. Holy Spirit helps support Santa Gertrudis monthly commitment.

Contact: Gary McCoy for more information, garyemccoy@aol.com or 913-338-4015.

## *\*Catholic Charities Food Pantry*

Helps stock the Catholic Community Pantry in Olathe.

A food drive is held monthly on the first complete weekend of the month during all the Sunday Mass services.

### **Coordinator**

Coordinates assistance of monthly coordinators and youth helpers. Monthly commitment is 3 hours.

### **Monthly coordinator**

Sets up food drop off bins at Mass and picks up and delivers food to the Olathe pantry. Commitment is 2 hours per month.

Contact: Lucy and Fritz Olberding, coordinators, for more information, angellucy@everestkc.net or 913-888-5763.

## *\*St. Mary's Food Kitchen*

This rewarding, yet easy service directly provides a chicken dinner to the homeless and less fortunate at St. Mary's Food Kitchen once a month.

### **Food Kitchen Provider**

Once a month donate chicken, salad, or green beans, or five dollars. A phone committee reminds you each month of your rotation. Monthly commitment would likely average an hour per month, 3 times yearly.

### **Site Coordinator**

Oversees and assists all volunteers to prepare and serve lunch to an average of 400 people. This ministry involves collection and transport of donated food to the Food Kitchen. Commitment: approximately seven hours of time (7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.) on the second Friday of every month.

### **Off Site Coordinator A**

This two hour per month ministry consists of one hour of phone calls to gather "cooks" and "servers" and another hour from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. on the second Friday of each month to ensure all duties and roles are assumed by pre-notified volunteers.

### **Off Site Coordinator B**

A master list of volunteers who provide food monthly is maintained by the coordinator who also initiates the "calling chain" to remind volunteers of the appropriate rotation: chicken, salad, green beans or cash. Commitment averages one hour.

Contact: Robert Perszyk for more information, [rperszyk1@gmail.com](mailto:rperszyk1@gmail.com) or 913-481-4557, or Kathy Murphy, 913-888-6516 or Betsy Phelan, 913-492-5810.

## *\*Funeral Dinners*

Prepares and serves funeral luncheons. Commitment varies according to parish needs and your choice of participation and schedule. Average time per luncheon is 2-3 hours.

### **Food Preparers**

Prepare the food and bring to the funeral luncheon. Commitment varies.

### **Luncheon Servers**

Assists with serving the luncheon, set up, and clean up. Commitment is 2-3 hours per luncheon.

Contact: The parish office for more information, 913-492-7318.

## *\*Stephen Ministry*

A member of Holy Spirit Church who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray and walk along side you during difficult times. Totally confidential and very helpful.

Contact: David Chaffee for more information, 913-317-8393, or Dale Brenon, [bumperb53@hotmail.com](mailto:bumperb53@hotmail.com) or 414-403-1416.

## *\*Martha Mary Ministry*

A new ministry created to help facilitate a simple means to volunteer to prepare and deliver a meal for someone in need; perhaps someone or a family who is experiencing a medical crisis or a period of bereavement and would benefit from meals prepared by others.

Contact: Ellyn Tyrell for more information, 913-469-6211 or [emtyrell@gmail.com](mailto:emtyrell@gmail.com).

## *\*Care and Support of Our Military Parishioners*

Care and support of our parishioners who serve our country. A little remembrance means a lot to those who serve in our United States Military.

### **Volunteer**

Keep parishioners informed of who is currently serving and keep in touch with military families. Commitment varies but the more the better.

Correspondent

Volunteers needed to help maintain correspondence with our military parishioners throughout the year.

### **Christmas Care Package Collection**

Volunteers needed to collect items for Christmas packages to be sent to our serving military.

### **Christmas Care Package Shipping**

Volunteers needed to package the collected items and send them overseas. Commitment one Sunday per year.

Contact: Dutch & Kathy tenBroek for more information, dutcht@everestkc.net or 913-642-8396.

## *Activities*

### *\*Holy Spirit Athletics Association (HSAA)*

The Holy Spirit Athletic Association (HSAA) organizes and administers parish youth sports. Holy Spirit youth participate in the Wyandotte and Johnson County Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) League, which sanctions football, volleyball, basketball and track programs for students in the 5th through 8th grades. High school students can compete in girls volleyball and girls and boys basketball. CYO sports emphasize participation and Christian growth through teamwork over winning.

The Athletic Association parish K-4 program organizes Holy Spirit teams which compete in local soccer, basketball, baseball and softball leagues. It also maintains the parish gym, baseball/softball, soccer and football practice fields, a walking track and picnic shelter.

HSAA funds its programs and gym/field maintenance through participation fees, the Spirit Booster club, an annual golf tournament and other fund-raising activities. Membership in Spirit Boosters is \$100 annually. Spirit Boosters also meet for an annual party in October. The annual Golf Tournament is held in the fall and is a great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones.

The HSAA Board meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Teacher's Lounge. The meetings are open and all parents are invited to attend.

Coaches & volunteers must be Virtus trained.

### **Athletic Association Volunteers**

HSAA leadership consists of Executive Officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary), individual sport coordinators, the Spirit Boosters chair, and a fields and equipment coordinator. The volunteers chair special events, such as the golf tournament.

### **Youth Sports Coaches**

The foundation of our programs are the parent volunteers who coach individual teams. Their investment of time and talent makes the program work.

Contact: Dan Tumberger for more information, ttrips3@yahoo.com or cell 913-787-0627

## *\*Adult Sports Participation*

The HSAA is currently interested in expanding into Adult Activities and is seeking an Adult Activities Coordinator. We would like to see programs started which might include "open gym" basketball and volleyball, a golf league, running club, and other activities.

Contact: Dan Tumberger for more information, [ttrips3@yahoo.com](mailto:ttrips3@yahoo.com) or cell 913-787-0627

## *\*Scouting*

The scouting program is available to all children of Holy Spirit Parish. All positions must be Virtus trained.

### **Girl Scouting**

Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts.

Contact: Kim Hudson, recruiter, for more information, [leeandkim@everestkc.net](mailto:leeandkim@everestkc.net) or 913-307-0892.

### **Daisies**

Contact: Denise Gomez, for more information, 913-549-4434

### **Holy Spirit Parish Girl Scout Organizer**

Responsible for troops, registration, new leader training, and grouping girls into troops. Commitment is approximately one hour per month.

### **Holy Spirit School Troop Consultant**

Responsible for approving troop forms and being available for answering questions and concerns. Commitment is 2-4 hours per month.

### **Troop Leader/Co-Leader**

Required to attend an orientation meeting and ongoing training is optional. Run monthly troop meetings. Commitment is 1-2 meetings per month, 1-2 hours each time.

### **Annual Father/Daughter Dance**

Annual themed dance. Help with planning and day of event duties. Commitment is for approximately 10 hours pre-planning and day of event.

Contact: Debbie Wilson for more information, [gsleader@gmail.com](mailto:gsleader@gmail.com) or 913-851-8897.

### **Cub Scout Den Leaders**

Holy Spirit Cub Scout Pack 3265 is organized into groups of 5 to 8 boys called dens. Each den has two co-leaders. There are usually 1 to 2 dens per grade level, from Second through Fifth Grade. It's at the den level where most of Cub Scouting takes place. The boys work on earning badges and take trips into the community. Commitment is approximately 2 hours per month for den meetings, plus 6 to 8 Pack activities during the year.

Contact: Kevin Punswick, [kpunswick@gmail.com](mailto:kpunswick@gmail.com) or 913-227-0244; or Mark Myzer, 913-894-0143 for more information.

### **Cub Scout Pack Leadership**

Multiple positions exist for leadership within Cub Scout Pack 3265. These include Cubmaster, committee chairman, treasurer, Pinewood Derby coordinator, Chili Bingo coordinator, religious awards coordinator, Scout Sunday coordinator, Day Camp coordinator and Webelos Camp coordinator. The time commitment varies depending on the position. Most of these positions revolve around a single activity or event. The leadership group traditionally holds one meeting at the start of the school to plan the year and on an as-needed basis (2 to 3 times per year) for coordination of efforts.

Contact: Kevin Punswick for more information, [kpunswick@gmail.com](mailto:kpunswick@gmail.com) or 913-227-0244.

### **Boy Scout Leadership**

Boy scouting is available to boys who are 11 through 17 years old. Adult leadership opportunities include scout master, assistant scout master, merit badge counselor, treasurer, and committee members. Additional volunteer opportunities arise throughout the year. The troop holds regular meetings throughout the month, as well as campouts.

Contact: Steve Vohs, Scout Master, for more information, [stevev@everestkc.net](mailto:stevev@everestkc.net) or 913-5996791.

## *\*Blood Drive*

Supports local blood centers 2-3 times per year.

### **Blood Donors**

Donate blood. Commitment is 1 hour.

Contact: Janine Estrada-Lopez, 816-889-3639 for more information,

## *\*Flu Shots*

Annual service project that is held on one weekend in October.

### **Coordinator**

Oversees the organizing and running of this event that takes place on one weekend in October.

### **Nurses (RN and LPN)**

Administer flu shots. Must be licensed in the state of Kansas. Time and commitment varies with the number of nurse volunteers.

### **Flu Shot Administrative Support**

Verify consent forms, take payment and insurance information. Time and commitment varies with the number of volunteers.

Contact: Terri Murphy for more information, [tmurphy@healthysolutionsinc.com](mailto:tmurphy@healthysolutionsinc.com) or 913-345-2223.

## *\*Scrip*

The SCRIP program is an ongoing fund raising program for our school and parish. Gift cards and certificates from various merchants are purchased at a discount from face value. When resold at face value, the difference is the profit for the program. Each customer can choose how the profit they generate is distributed. You can choose to direct all your profit to the school, all to the church, or if you have a student attending either Holy Spirit school or St. Thomas Aquinas, St. James or Bishop Miege high schools, you can get help (or help another family) with tuition, school lunches, or other education expenses by splitting the profit with the school or church.

### **Volunteer Assistant**

Will receive and confirm new shipments. New cards will be filed with the current inventory on a weekly basis. This position is approximately 30 minutes per week.

Contact: Nicki Merfen, Coordinator for more information, [hsscrip@gmail.com](mailto:hsscrip@gmail.com), or 913-461-6023.

## *\*Garage Sale*

A parish-wide project that takes place over the course of nine days with proceeds going to charities. Collecting from parishioners and community members, set-up, sorting, organizing, pricing and supervising young volunteers begins the Friday after Holy Spirit School dismisses for the summer. The sale takes place Thursday, Friday and Saturday the following weekend.

### **Committee**

Meets in April before the sale to implement plans, make changes and arrange for the garage sale. Meet after the sale to critique the sale and make suggestions for changes.

### **Pre-sale Pick-up and Delivery**

Assists with the pick-up of items for the garage sale the Friday and Saturday at the beginning of the sale. Must be in good health for heavy work or can drive a car or truck for the young workers. Commitment can vary to meet your schedule.

### **Garage Sale Workers**

Work the days of the garage sale by setting up, sorting, arranging merchandise, pricing, etc. Commitment can vary to meet your schedule.

Contact: Amy Naab, for more information, [AmyNaab@gmail.com](mailto:AmyNaab@gmail.com), or 913-322-2099.



## *\*Holy Spirit Gala*

Parish-wide, fundraising event. Dinner, silent and live auction, and dancing. Held in early December each year. Proceeds benefit many parish and school projects.

### **Donors**

Donation of gifts and services to the auction.

### **Volunteers**

This is a major parish event that needs many volunteers for various responsibilities. Any time or talent you can give is appreciated by all those who attend the evening!

Contact: Bob Kolich, Gala Coordinator for more information, [bkolich@hscatholic.org](mailto:bkolich@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-7318.

## *\*Family Fun Fair*

A yearly parish family event that takes place in the Fall and consists of games, food and music in the church parking lot from 5:30 to 9:30. This is a wonderful event for all ages! Must be Virtus trained.

### **Fun Fair Chairperson**

Oversees the organizing and running of the event.

### **Fun Fair Committee**

There are many ways to help in this annual event from planning, ticket sales, food sales, running a booth, set-up, tear-down or numerous other responsibilities. Commitment can fit your schedule.

Contact: David Gilbert for more information, 913-440-9302.

## *\*Holy Spirit Smoke Off*

A friendly fundraiser and team competition held yearly.

Contact: John Henn, [john.henn@experitec.com](mailto:john.henn@experitec.com) or Bob Gregovich, [bobgregovich@yahoo.com](mailto:bobgregovich@yahoo.com).

## *\*Trunk or Treat*

Annual Halloween event (date varies). Bring your children to the Holy Spirit parking lot for a safe and fun evening.

Parishioners are asked to park in the back parking lot with their Halloween candy in the trunk. Parish children walk "trunk to trunk" for their Halloween Trick-or-Treating. Date varies check Bulletin for details.

Contact: Lynn Mayer for more information at [lmayer@hscatholic.org](mailto:lmayer@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-7318 ext 123, or Sister M. Teresa Pandl, FSGM, Director of Religious Education at [srteresa@hscatholic.org](mailto:srteresa@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-7382.

## *\*Holy Spirit Golf Tournament*

The Holy Spirit Open is the annual parish golf tournament held in early fall. The event raises funds for the Church, School, and various Parish Ministries. Players and Volunteers are needed.

Contact: Bob Kolich for more information at [bkolich@hscatholic.org](mailto:bkolich@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-7318.

# *Creating an Environment of Inviters*

The community of Holy Spirit Parish is continually growing and changing. Inviting newcomers into the life and activities of our community is the responsibility and calling of all who come here. God's spirit of hospitality has been gifted to you, that you might share it with others. We make the love of Christ known through our invitation so that all find Christ here and are compelled to bring Christ to others.

## *\*VIRTUS\**

"In response to the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' Charter to Protect Children, the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas requires that all adults, both employees and volunteers who work with and around children, must undergo VIRTUS, Protecting God's Children Awareness Training. This includes ALL coaches, assistant coaches, and any coaching volunteers at any CYO practice, game or sponsored event. Any game played whose team has any coaches not VIRTUS trained will cause that team to be disqualified from further participation until such time when these requirements are met."

It is very important that anyone 16 years and older who plans to work with the children of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish is VIRTUS trained, paperwork is turned in, and computer articles for on-line training are up-to-date.

Please Contact Eileen Colling for more information, [ecolling@hscatholic.org](mailto:ecolling@hscatholic.org) or 913-492-2582.