Life

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is bliss, taste it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Saint Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pray for us!
Dear Parishioner:

In May 1956, 60 years ago, 32 people participated in Mass celebrated in the new Catholic Church in Ruskin. Today, 2,800-3,000 parishioners attend Mass each weekend in St. Anne Catholic Church. In 2009 as we opened the doors of our present church, the Parish Spiritual and Prayer Committee composed a prayer with a vision and mission for the Parish. In the last six years, a lot of energy has gone into fulfilling our commitment to follow Christ’s example by using our time, talent and resources to reach out to the poor and feed the hungry and homeless.

This booklet has been compiled to help you respond to the call of service to the Parish of Saint Anne as you continue your faith journey. Many ministries of Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are profiled in this Diamond Jubilee version of stewardship opportunities. In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has requested all parishes be a welcoming community. The first line of our Parish Prayer, and the Parish’s mission statement, is “…we, the living stones of St. Anne Church, warmly welcome all God’s children into our community.” So one of our main goals is to be more welcoming. In this booklet, you will find various forms of hospitality that can help accomplish that goal. Meanwhile, a vision for the future in the next five years is to build on our promise to create a legacy of faith and hope for future generations.

Great things are accomplished when many small things are done well and out of love. Ministries, when implemented well, can accomplish great things. The Parish needs your participation and commitment to follow Jesus Christ’s example. I encourage you to pray our Parish Prayer and reflect on it so that you may obtain the gift of transformation from being a dormant stone to a vibrant, living stone of Saint Anne Catholic Church.

Let us pray to our patroness together.

Saint Anne, Mother of Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. John F. McEvoy, V.F.

Stewards of the Church

Stewards of God’s gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church collaborators and co-workers in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church’s essential mission. This mission proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

Obstacles to Stewardship

People who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles. In the United States and other nations, a dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus on ourselves and our pleasures. At times, we can find it far too easy to ignore spiritual realities and to deny religion a role in shaping human and social values. As Catholics who have entered into the mainstream of American society and experienced its advantages, many of us also have been adversely influenced by this secular culture. We know what it is to struggle against selfishness and greed, and we realize that it is harder for many today to accept the challenge of being a Christian steward. It is essential, therefore, that we make a special effort to understand the true meaning of stewardship and live accordingly.

A Steward’s Way

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom. 8:28).

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call. We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? Central to our human and Christian vocations, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

The Spirit shows us the way. Stewardship is a part of that journey.

Taken in part from To Be a Christian Steward, A Summary of the U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship
# Inventory of Gifts

Please take some time to complete an inventory of your gifts and experiences. Place a letter next to each item indicating the level of experience of a gift, talent or skill.

**A – Enough experience to work with supervision**  **B – Enough experience to work on my own**

## COMPUTER TECHNICAL
- Word processing
- Graphics
- Database work
- Troubleshooting
- Desktop publishing
- Web design
- Web maintenance
- Audio/video
- Research Skills
  - Other, describe: __________________

## OFFICE ASSISTANCE
- Mailing/folding
- Proofing/editing
- Library work
- Archives
- Filing/record keeping
- Front Desk reception
  - Other, describe: __________________
  - __________________
  - __________________
  - __________________

## HOSPITALITY
- Cleaning
- Cooking
- Gardening
  - Other, describe: __________________
  - __________________
  - __________________
  - __________________

## CONSTRUCTION/ GROUNDWORK/ MECHANICAL
- Heating and/or A/C
- Carpentry
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Masonry
- Tiling
- Painting/wallpaper
- Roofing
- Carpeting
- Grounds work
- Automotive
  - Other, describe: __________________
  - __________________
  - __________________

## PROGRAMS/ RESOURCES
- Conference assistance
- Organizing events
- Group facilitation
- Curriculum development
- Transcription from audio
- Processing orders
- Reading and creating summaries
  - Other, describe: __________________
  - __________________
  - __________________
  - __________________

## FINANCIAL/ LEGAL/ REAL ESTATE
- Fundraising
- Grant writing
- Accounting
- Auditing
- Obtaining donations
- Legal skills
- Real Estate skills
- Architect skills
  - Other, describe: __________________
  - __________________
  - __________________

## HEALTH
- Medical experience
- Psychotherapy
- Art therapy
- Massage
- Yoga
- Nutrition
- Spiritual direction

## CREATIVE GIFTS
- Drawing
- Crafts
- Musical instrument
- Singing
- Photography
  - Other, describe: __________________
  - __________________
  - __________________
  - __________________

## LANGUAGE
- Fluent Spanish
- Sign language
- Fluency in other foreign languages:
  - __________________
  - __________________
  - __________________
Faith Formation

As members of the Church, we recognize our dignity as baptized members of the Body of Christ. As such, we are all called to participate in building up the Kingdom of God. Our religious education program here at Saint Anne Parish provides the opportunity for people to respond to the call of spreading God’s truth through the powerful Ministry of Faith Formation.

Catechists

There is a large demand for Catechists (Teachers) in our programs, which include Elementary, Middle School and High School, as well as Sacramental Faith Formation Classes in preparation for First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

The opportunity to teach is open to any Catholic who has been confirmed, is actively practicing his or her faith, and is in good standing with the Church. Additionally, the Diocese offers a Catechist Certification Program to aid in the development of Catechists. Catechists may be required to attend special meetings and events. Safe Environment Training and Level II Background Check are required.

Catechist’s Assistant

The role of an Assistant is to offer classroom management support to the Catechist. The Assistant may take attendance; work with students on prayers, crafts, or other needs; and participate in general lessons and discussion as needed. The Assistant may help prepare the lessons and is ready to teach if needed.

Catechist’s Aide

The role of an Aide is to offer classroom management support to the Catechist. The Aide may take attendance; work with students on prayers, crafts, or other needs; and participate in general lessons and discussion as needed.

Assistants and Aides are required to attend special meetings, events, and retreats. Safe Environment Training and Level II Background Check are required.

Volunteer Discernment

How far do I live from Saint Anne Campus? Check one box:
- □ 1 – 10 miles
- □ 11 – 20 miles
- □ 21 – 30 miles
- □ 30+ miles

If you have checked 30+ miles, do you have a talent that could be used from your home? □ Yes □ No
If yes, please indicate________________________________________________________

With the understanding my time is valuable, how much time would I realistically be able to offer?
- □ Weekly (____number of hours)
- □ More than once a month (____number of hours)
- □ Monthly (____number of hours)
- □ Special projects only (____number of hours)

Are there other ways I would like to support the Parish?
- □ Financially
- □ Prayers for Parish priests and the Volunteers
- □ Other____________________________________________________

Notes:
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Ministerios Hispanos

“Si yo no estoy en la gracia de Dios, le gustaría a Dios ponerme en ella; si lo estoy, le gustaría a Dios mantenerme en ella.”

- San Juana de Arco

La Parroquia de Saint Anne goza de una gran y activa Comunidad Hispana que participa, y son bienvenidos a participar como voluntarios en todos los ministerios. Además, muchos sirven como Ministros Litúrgicos durante las misas en español a las 12:30 p.m. y del jueves a las 7:00 p.m.

GRUPO DE ORACION SANTA KATERI TEKAkwITHA
En el grupo centramos nuestras vidas alrededor de la celebración de los sacramentos, especialmente alrededor de la Eucaristía. Tenemos un profundo sentido de ser una comunidad de amor cristiano, compartiendo mutuamente nuestra doña donde nos esforzamos en conseguir la unidad en la diversidad a través del amor y el respeto mutuo y la oración.

LEGION DE MARIA
La Legión de María es una organización apostólica de laicos de la Iglesia Católica. Es un movimiento Mariano extendido por todo el mundo y está abierto a todos los católicos que practiquen fielmente su religión y deseen ser útiles a la iglesia y a la sociedad y que estén dispuestos a cumplir las normas funcionales de la asociación y a orar y trabajar apostólicamente.

GRUPO DE EMAUS DE HOMBRES Y MUJERES
El propósito de Emaús es hacer un llamado a los hombres y mujeres de la comunidad parroquial primero a hacer un retiro que los ayudará a renovar y profundizar su relación con Cristo, a conocer otros hombres y mujeres de su comunidad parroquial con la misma vocación, y finalmente involucrarse en la vida de la parroquia y trabajar con el pastor para beneficio de la parroquia y en la misión de evangelización de la Parroquia.

MDS
El propósito de este grupo es dar apoyo y ayudar en el crecimiento espiritual a parejas y matrimonios.

Ministerios Hispanos
Los Ministerios Hispanos generan ideas, planes y organizan eventos durante todo el año para beneficiar a la Parroquia y a la Comunidad Hispana.

Celebraciones y eventos incluyen:

- Epifanía
- Peregrinaje de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
- Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
- Posadas

Faith Formation

“We cannot keep to ourselves the words of eternal life given to us in our encounter with Jesus Christ: they are meant for everyone for every man and woman. It is our responsibility to pass on what, by God’s grace, we ourselves have received.”

Pope Benedict XVI, Verbum Domini, 2010

Vacation Bible School
Our Vacation Bible School is an annual event that takes place for a week in June. Open to children age 5-12 in the community, many volunteers are needed for a variety of duties. Volunteer opportunities are also available for teens. Those adult volunteers who have direct access to the children are required to successfully complete Safe Environment Training and Level II Background Check.

Group Leader Guide a group of 12-15 students through stations
Bible Story Station Teach a selected bible story to small groups
Bible Game Station Lead selected bible story games for small groups
Snack Station Present Saint of the Day and activity, prepare and serve snacks
Craft Station Lead small groups in making crafts
Food Preparation Prepare, serve, and clean up lunch

Opportunities to help prepare for VBS include painting cut-out theme items, organizing supplies, and decorating the hall and classrooms in the VBS theme. Post-event volunteers help remove decorations from all areas.

Bible 4 Tots
This is a program that was started by and for parents of toddler-age children to share their common interest in faith-based playtime. Accompanied by caregivers, children learn and grow in faith through Bible stories, playing, praying, and fun-filled relationship-building activities.

The group currently meets once a week for an hour and a half during the school year. Group Leaders are required to successfully complete Safe Environment Training and Level II Background Check.

Youth Group Chaperone
Chaperones assist the Youth Ministry Coordinator and are assigned to a group of students during field trips, functions, and other activities.

Chaperones are required to successfully complete Safe Environment Training and Level II Background Check.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” 1 Pt. 4:10.
Faith Formation

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

The RCIA Program invites women and men and children over the age of 7 to Baptism in the Catholic Church, and all baptized Christians seeking Confirmation and full communion as Catholics. Separate classes are available for children and teens.

**Catechists (RCIA)**

The opportunity to teach is open to any Catholic who has been confirmed, is actively practicing his or her faith, and is in good standing with the Church. Additionally, the Diocese offers a Catechist Certification Program to aid in the development of Catechists. Catechists may be required to attend special meetings and events. For those Catechists working with youth, Safe Environment Training and Level II Background Check are required.

**Sponsors**

Sponsors are assigned to RCIA candidates and catechumens to support them on their journey toward full reception into the Catholic Church. This is a wonderful opportunity for active and committed Catholics to share their faith in friendship with someone entering into the Church.

RCIA is the process of personal conversion and catechetical and liturgical instruction for those wishing to become members of the Catholic Church or for those who are already Catholic but did not receive the Initiation Sacraments at the traditional times.

This process begins with the period of **Preactechumenate**, a “time for inquiry and evangelization,” followed by the period of **Catechumenate**. During the Catechumenate, those involved in RCIA study the truths of the Catholic Faith and moral life. The third period, **Purification and Enlightenment**, is a time to enter more deeply into the life of Christ through the conversion of heart. At the end of this period, if those preparing for Baptism or Full Communion with the Catholic Church are ready, they are baptized or they make a Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil Mass, the most solemn liturgy of the Church year.

Following the Easter Vigil, the neophytes (new members of the Church) continue to grow in faith during the period of **Mystagogy** (post-baptismal catechesis). This is a time of “spiritual growth and for entering more fully into the life and unity of the community.”

- from the “RCIA Catechist’s Manual”

Parish-Affiliated Ministries

"*For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.*"

- Saint Therese of Lisieux

These ministries are available in the Parish, but governed by national/international bylaws.

**Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community, supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith and protecting and enhancing your family life.

**Native American Ministry**

The Native American Ministry is comprised of two Kateri Circles and is affiliated with the National Tekakwitha Conference. Active in the Conference, members enjoy an ongoing camaraderie with other Native American Catholics across the United States, Canada, and Central and South America.

Their belief is that “we are all related” and their hearts and meetings are open to all.

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society**

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a volunteer Catholic lay organization comprised of men and women who provide comfort and assistance to those in need. There are many different volunteer opportunities for individuals, student and corporate groups, and a wide variety of professional volunteers work directly with people in need.
Festivals & Fundraisers

"Teach us to give and not count the cost."
- Saint Ignatius de Loyola

The Parish Pastoral Council generates ideas, plans and organizes events throughout the year to benefit the Parish. In order to implement these ideas, many volunteers are needed to carry out the work.

Children's Halloween Party  Sunday of the Roses  Annual Tea
Breakfasts  Dinner Dances  Golf Tournament
Vegas Night  Parish Picnic  Devotions & Liturgical Celebrations

Volunteers handling money must successfully complete a Level II Background Check.

Liturgical Ministries

“In the celebration of the Liturgy, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly is the aim to be considered before all else. There is no more important work than the care and attention that we give the sacred Liturgy. Fidelity to the Liturgy, as given to us by the Church, is fidelity to Christ.”
- Pope Paul VI

Altar Servers

The role of altar servers are to assist at the celebration of Mass and other liturgical events. Duties as an altar server may involve everything from carrying the cross or candles, holding the books used at Mass, handling incense, saying prayers, and ringing of the bells during the offertory. Altar Servers must have received First Holy Communion. Altar Server Coordinators conduct occasional training and meeting sessions. On average, servers are scheduled two Masses each month.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMs) are called out of their deep faith to participate in the distribution of the Precious Body and Blood at Mass and are encouraged to participate in bringing Holy Communion to the Sick of the Parish. An EM must be an adult and a practicing Catholic in good standing who completes required annual training, demonstrates reverence for the Eucharist in demeanor and dress, and maintains strong spiritual commitment to serve the Parish at Eucharistic Celebrations. Pre-Mass preparations are coordinated with the Mass Captain.

Lectors (Readers)

Lectors are called out of their deep faith to proclaim the Word of God during Mass and other liturgies. A Lector may be assigned to proclaim the first or second reading. In proclaiming the Word of God, a Lector must be able to read aloud in a distinct and clear manner. Additionally, a Lector may carry the Book of the Gospels during the entrance processional. Lectors may be assigned to read the opening welcome and announcements before the start of Mass.

A Lector must be a practicing Catholic who completes required annual training and maintains strong spiritual commitment to serve the Parish at Liturgical Celebrations. Teens and young adults are encouraged to participate. All Lectors receive personalized coaching during training sessions. Pre-Mass preparations are coordinated with the Mass Captain. Lectors are scheduled in advance to proclaim the Word of God on a regular basis.

“The one and only Gospel waits to be proclaimed by everyone together, in love and reciprocal esteem.”
- Pope Benedict XVI, Vatican City, October 2, 2007
Liturgical Ministries

Oh Jesus, my King and Lord, by the grace of the heavenly Father and the power of the Holy Spirit, guide me in all righteousness as I serve You today at the Altar so I may be always worthy of Your presence. If I happen to make an error, may it be a lesson so my service will be perfect tomorrow. Jesus, my savior I love you with all my heart.

Amen.

Ushers/ Usherettes

Ushering is an opportunity to serve God by serving His people, and is a marvelous way to actively and faithfully participate in Church life at Saint Anne. Good ushers are “people persons” who help people coming into the church feel welcome and appreciated. General duties include: greeting everyone as they arrive; finding them a seat in the pew, particularly if they arrive after Mass has begun; passing the collection baskets; and distributing bulletins.

Ushers/Usherettes have a friendly, cheerful demeanor, excellent people skills to include strong communication aptitude to assist, guide, and direct others. Men generally wear a jacket and tie; women wear Sunday best. Head Ushers prepare schedules, assign duties, and coordinate meetings and training.

Volunteers attend an annual training session and occasional meetings. They arrive at assigned Mass 30 minutes before and remain 10-15 minutes after conclusion as they bid all parishioners goodbye. Occasionally, volunteers may be asked to assist at special liturgical events. New volunteers must successfully pass the Level II Background Check.

Choirs

Parish Choirs
Saturday 4:30 p.m. Adult Choir
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Cantors
10:00 a.m. Children
12:30 p.m. Spanish
5:00 p.m. Contemporary

The Children’s Choir sings at the 10 a.m. Family Masses on the first Sunday each month during the school year. Rehearsals are held once a week on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM in the church.

Adult singers are always welcome to serve at all the Masses. In addition to the traditional adult choir, there is opportunity to participate in the Contemporary and Spanish Choirs. Generally, members practice once a week for an hour, or immediately prior to Mass, at the discretion of the choir director. Plans are underway for a Youth Choir.

Music

The Music Ministry, under the Director, seeks to encourage "full, conscious and active participation" in the liturgical life of the Church, especially as it pertains to music. This Ministry works to help create an environment in which we recognize the presence of Christ in all gathered, in the proclamation of the Word, and in the Eucharist.

The Music Ministry invites all members of the Parish to bring their musical gifts to the faith community. Instrumentalists add dimension to the musical texture and are most welcome.

Technology & Communications

“Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors to Christ.”
- Saint Pope John Paul II

New Visions of Technology and Communications Under Consideration

Information Technology

Members provide the tools necessary to connect the members of the Church to one another and to connect the Church to the surrounding community and the world in general through the effective use of multiple technologies. They also empower and encourage the members of the Church to approach and take advantage of present and future technologies within their ministries; they provide them with the technical tools, skills, and the encouragement they will need to not only be functional but also responsive to the needs of the Parish community in this ever-growing technology-oriented society.

This ministry is open to all parishioners with IT skills, specifically including those in the areas of social media, project management, documentation, networking, desktop computing, server maintenance, hardware, web design, and strategic planning and development. Each member is expected to participate at monthly meetings. Members will then work directly on applications or projects as needed or as new projects arise.

Saint Isidore Patron Saint of the Internet

Prayer Before Logging onto the Internet

Almighty and eternal God, who created us in Thy image and bade us to seek after all that is good, true and beautiful, especially in the divine person of Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee that, through the intercession of Saint Isidore, bishop and doctor, during our journeys through the internet we will direct our hands and eyes only to that which is pleasing to Thee and treat with charity and patience all those souls whom we encounter. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

“"The Internet can offer magnificent opportunities for evangelization if used with competence and a clear awareness of its strengths and weaknesses. Above all, by providing information and stirring interest it makes possible an initial encounter with the Christian message, especially among the young who increasingly turn to the world of cyberspace as a window on the world.”
- Saint Pope John Paul II
Technology & Communications

"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words."
- Saint Francis

Communications Committee
This vital ministry is at the very center of activity within the Parish. The primary role of its membership is to communicate activities and issues of the Parish. Members assist other ministries to produce newsworthy articles for publication in the local newspapers.

Audio Visual Presenters (AVP)
AVPs assist with Parish presentations. Requirements include being technically inclined and a commitment to assist at a particular Mass and/or special event. All presenters will be trained to use the equipment and may be required to attend occasional meetings to discuss upcoming events, schedules, and other relevant business.

Parish Photographers/Videographers
Photographers/videographers with their own equipment capture the special moments at Parish liturgies/events. Your talent could be published in the bulletin, local papers and/or on the website.

Historians
These duties include keeping records through writing and multi-media regarding the history of the Parish. Currently, we have some documentation that requires a little organization and research. Ultimately, these volunteers will document the Parish legacy as we grow and develop into our future. These volunteers set their schedule depending upon Parish events and activities.

Liturgical Ministries

Sacristans
Under the general direction of the pastor, the Sacristans are responsible for preparation for Sunday, daily and other major liturgical celebrations of the Church. The Sacristan prepares the altar by arranging ciboria, chalices, cruets, linens, oils, candles, and books. The Sacristan also lays out the vestments and anything else needed for the celebration. After the Mass the Sacristans remove the liturgical vessels and tidy-up the altar and sacristy.
A Sacristan must be a practicing Catholic who aspires to assist the priest with liturgical celebrations throughout the year. The Lead Sacristan prepares the schedule and provides training.

Linen Ladies
These volunteers help with the care and washing of the purificators, corporals, finger towels and hand towels that are used in the Liturgy. These volunteers are called upon by the Lead Sacristan to bring home the items for care and washing. Pickup and return times are pre-arranged with reasonable notice and schedule, and general care instructions are provided. Commitment time may vary throughout the liturgical year and based upon the number of helpers.

Service Ministries in the Church

Church Environment Committee
The Environment Committee is responsible for beautifying the worship space with floral arrangements and other appropriate ornamentations during the different liturgical seasons of the Church (i.e., Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and certain Feast Days).
This committee creates a prayerful and inspirational environment that enhances the liturgical worship and that is representative of the various cultures and talents of the Parish Community. Artistic experience is not necessary, but a willingness and desire to enhance the quality of worship is required. Commitment varies with the liturgical seasons. There is a high demand for volunteers from October through May.

Church Tidy-up
These volunteers spend time during the week to tidy-up the books/envelopes in the pews and replace books and seasonal information as needed. This act of love is done a few times a week generally before and after the weekend Masses. Volunteers share in this responsibility so it doesn’t overburden any one individual. Other volunteers check flowers during the week to tend to watering, removal of dead leaves/flowers, and assure the beauty of presentations.
Ministries of Mercy

“I know God will not give me anything I cannot handle. I just wish that He didn’t trust me so much.”

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The Corporal Works of Mercy

“Amen, I say to you, insofar as you did it for one of these least of my brothers, you did it for me.”

Mt. 25:40
To feed the hungry: “For I was hungry and you gave me to eat.” Mt. 25:35
To give drink to the thirsty: “...I was thirsty and you gave me to drink...” Mt. 25:35
To clothe the naked: “I was...naked and you clothed me...” Mt. 25:36
To visit the imprisoned: “I was in prison and you came to me.” Mt. 25:36
To shelter the homeless: “...I was a stranger and you took me in...” Mt. 25:35
To visit the sick: “...I was sick and you cared for me...” Mt. 25:36
To bury the dead: CCC, 2447

Ministry to the Sick

The Ministry to the Sick is a group of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who assist the priests in bringing the Church and Holy Communion to the sick, homebound, and hospitalized of the Parish. Visits are generally done immediately after Mass or Benediction.

The adult must be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and successfully complete a Level II Background Check and Safe Environment Training. Commitment may vary from a few hours each month to daily activities, depending upon the number of sick a Minister chooses to visit and the level of involvement desired, which may include follow-up calls and multiple visits during a given week. The assignment of Ministers to sick persons is coordinated through the Ministry Leader and the Parish Office.

Hospital Visits to Saint Anne Parishioners

These Angels stop by the local hospitals to discover and visit Saint Anne Parishioners. They are not required to be Extraordinary Ministers; they are caring parishioners who locate patients and families who may not have contacted the Parish Office before hospitalization. The Angel offers a visit from a priest and visits from an Extraordinary Minister upon release from the hospital as needed.

Angels of Grace

New Vision of Ministries of Mercy Under Consideration

Volunteers to support primary caregivers and care recipients coping with chronic disease or conditions of aging. The work can vary from a couple hours a week helping with light chores to staying over a day or night with the care recipient while the caregivers takes a break.

Spirituality and Prayer

"Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort me and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.”

- Saint Patrick

Study Programs

Available when you want it...
Study alone or with a friend....

Parish Code: C7F7P4
Visit Formed.Org and create your personal account using the parish code listed above.

Bible Study

Various programs are offered throughout the year at the discretion of the pastor which include Advent and Lenten sessions. Watch the bulletin and other media to learn when programs are offered.

Traveling Chalice

This is an exciting opportunity to support vocations. Sign up to receive the St. Anne traveling Chalice for a week to pray for and learn more about the priesthood. Suggested prayers and activities are included with the Chalice.
Spirituality and Prayer

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.”

- St. Francis of Assisi

Guardians of the Eucharist (Adoration)

Jesus will give you His peace within you as you spend time with Him. Guardians of the Eucharist are needed during Adoration on Wednesday and Friday mornings after the 8 a.m. Mass until noon and at other select times during the liturgical year.

You may spend the time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament any way you want. You may bring prayer books, read the Bible, pray the Rosary, or just sit, relax and enjoy the peace that comes from being in His Presence. The only requirement to serve is the desire to deepen your personal relationship with Jesus and grow in faith, hope, and love. The amount of time to serve is up to you. We ask only that you sign the register in the Narthex and indicate the amount of time you spend in Adoration.

Daily Rosary

Help spread devotion to Jesus through Mary with the Holy Rosary. Pray for our world, our country, the clergy, our Parish, our families, our military, and our young people.

In the prayer of the Rosary, we are able to express ourselves in all forms of prayer: adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise. The prayer of the Rosary invites us to meditate on the life of Jesus, and to pray as He did. His life models for us all forms of prayer.

No meetings, no formal preparation. Come as you can and pray the Rosary before the Daily Mass. Attendees start the Rosary at 7:25 a.m. each morning.

Divine Mercy

The Divine Mercy Group is dedicated to spreading the Divine Mercy message of Jesus. Prayers are offered for the success and spiritual growth of the Divine Mercy in our Parish community, our nation, and the world. We carry on all our inspired tasks through God’s providence with faith, perseverance, love, and trust in God. The Divine Mercy message is simple, yet powerful -- “Jesus, I trust in you.” Trust is the essence of the Divine Mercy message.

The Divine Mercy Group coordinates a Parish celebration the first Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Throughout the year, based upon availability of members, the group gathers to pray in church and/or commit to daily prayer and spreading His message during the course of daily life.

“The fruit of our faith is love and the fruit of our love is service. As we reflect upon the principles of Catholic social teaching, we realize that we are called to work for charity and justice.”

The Most Rev. Robert N. Lynch, Bishop, Diocese of St. Petersburg

Saint Anne Food Pantry

The goal of this ministry is to help feed the hungry in the community. The work of the Food Pantry includes ordering, collecting, organizing, and distributing bags of food to those needing it. Volunteers generally perform the various duties during the weekdays. Activities vary from heavy-lifting to administrative/clerical work. The level of commitment varies based upon chosen area of participation.

Giving Tree

Every Advent these volunteers organize the collection, preparation and distribution of Christmas gifts for children in need. Christmas trees are decorated in church with cards listing the gender, age, and interests of each child so parishioners may take the cards to purchase gifts and return the wrapped presents in time for distribution.

There is a great deal of work to be done in a short period of time; there are many volunteer opportunities. In past years the Parish has successfully helped over 600 children receive gifts for Christmas.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

To admonish the sinner: "...there will be more joy in Heaven at the repentance of one sinner than at ninety-nine of the righteous who had no need of repentance." Lk. 15:7

To instruct the ignorant: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation." Mk. 16:15

To counsel the doubtful: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you...Let not your hearts be troubled..." Jn. 14:27

To comfort the sorrowful: "Come to me, all you grown weary and burdened, and I will refresh you." Mt. 11:28

To bear wrongs patiently: “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you.” Lk. 6:27-28

To forgive all injuries: "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." Mt. 6:12

To pray for the living and the dead: “Father, I desire that they, too, may be with me where I am...” Jn. 17:24

“Here is a test to find out whether your mission in life is complete. If you’re alive, it isn’t. “

- Richard Bach, American Author

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.” - St Augustine
Ministries of Mercy

“Speak tenderly to them. Let there be kindness in your face, in your eyes, in your smile, in the warmth of your greeting. Always have a cheerful smile. Don’t only give your care, but give your heart as well.”
- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Bereavement

The Lazarus Team provides caring consolation and support to families who are grieving the loss of loved ones. The members attend funeral services; welcome the attendees, offering solace and prayer for the deceased and those left behind and carry out the duties of Lectors, EMHC, Greeters, Altar Servers and Sacristan as needed.

The Resurrection Choir ministers to those in our community in need of comfort, healing, and peace with the gift of musical support at Parish Funeral Liturgies.

The Liturgical Coordinators direct and assign the volunteers for the Funeral Liturgy.

The Martha Committee members are present at the hall to assist caterers to set up for the meal and to welcome and console mourners on behalf of Saint Anne.

Life Ministries

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus said: “What you do to one of the least of my brethren, you do unto me.” This is the teaching that permeates Life Ministries in defending life at all times. All are welcome to become a part of this ministry. Life Ministries’ work is to raise awareness of life issues in our culture, to respond to legislation that is harmful to life, to educate others on the issues and activities that detract from life and focus on ways to promote life.

Social Ministries

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches us through His words and through His life that we are called to serve one another. We can make our lives holy by giving up some of our time, talent, and resources in the service of God and His Church.

Community Life Ministries Under Consideration

Young Adults

A Young Adult Ministry would be a Catholic Community of young parishioners fostering relationships with each other, the Church, and Christ. Membership would be in their 20s and 30s, single, divorced, widowed, or married, with or without children. The goal is to build Catholic Community through exploring and sharing the faith, praying and worshipping, socializing and serving others in order to grow in faith and transform the world. Young Leaders are needed.

Life Beyond Young Adults

This would be an adult ministry to cater to adults in their 40s and 50s to find fellowship through social gatherings, informative talks on pertinent subjects and find opportunities to serve the Parish and community together. Topics and activity can be formulated based upon the interest of the membership. Leaders are needed.

Seniors

As another avenue for the spiritual and social needs of adults 55 and older, plans for this ministry would be to increase awareness and love of God, establish new friends and have a good time. Members could learn information pertinent to age group, enjoy socializing with old and new friends. Leaders are needed.

Growing Tradition

“Tradition develops in the sense that the Church probes more deeply into the meaning of all that has been handed on. The Holy Spirit guides its growth and explanation. Each age must express the age-old Tradition of the Church in the forms of its day. The essentials remain, the application and form may change.

The Church is a living organism; in each generation, it must respond to God through the language, culture, problems and opportunities of its own day. The Church remembers its experience and listens to the living Word of Jesus in the Bible and is thus led by the Spirit to show Christ to the world.”

- Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Believing in Jesus
**Social Ministries**

“We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community.”

- Dorothy Day  
  An American Journalist, Social Activist, and Devout Catholic Convert

**Bingo**

Do you love the excitement and fast-paced action of Bingo? There are many opportunities to help with this growing fundraiser such as greeting players, selling game sheets, manning concession tables, and calling numbers.

Volunteers must successfully complete a Level II Background Check and will receive initial training. The time requirement is approximately 4-5 hours once a week.

**Sunday Morning Social (Coffee & Donuts)**

This ministry helps create a fellowship experience over a cup of coffee and donuts after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Volunteer hosts make coffee, set out donuts, beverages and supplies, and clean up. Hosting schedule is on a rotating basis.

**New Visions of Social Ministries Under Consideration**

**Nursery**

Grandmas and Grandpas and all adults who love children, we could really use your help! Moms and Dads, consider a rotation where you take turns with other parents to occasionally staff the nursery in exchange for opportunities to attend Mass without distraction.

Safe Environment Training and Level II Background Check are required before an individual can have the care, responsibility, and/or supervision of children and youth.

*Sharing our talents arises from the fact that God has given each of us the ability and gifts to do certain things well, and we are to develop those talents for the good of others.*

**Ministries of Mercy**

“Mercy is a command of God, yet it cannot simply be a response to a demand. It must arise out of hearts made generous and gracious by an understanding and experience of God’s mercy.”

- Unknown

**Faith Community (Parish) Nurses**

A Faith Community Nursing Program in cooperation with BayCare Health Systems/St. Joseph’s Hospital to assist in developing ministries that promote health and wholeness by addressing the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of parishioners.

A Faith Community Nurse focuses on the intentional care of the spirit; the nurse blends faith and definition of living well with the science of medicine to create the best possible quality of life. The Faith Community Nurse collaborates with faith leaders, church members, and community agencies to provide an environment where healing and advocacy can occur.

If you are a registered nurse, in the medical profession or have administrative skills and are eager to discern a pastoral calling, we would like to know of your interest in learning more about becoming a member of Faith Community Nursing.

**Saint Anne Rosary & Prayer Shawl Makers**

Would you like to learn how to make a Rosary and work with others as a group to make Rosaries for those in need, for our military abroad, and for distribution at devotional functions?

If you are interested in learning, we will teach you how to make these beautiful Rosaries. They are easy and fun to make. Our goal is to surround this troubled world with Rosaries and people praying them. God hears our prayers!

The Prayer Shawl Group knits and/or crochets prayer shawls (at home or in group) for those who are in need of strength while undergoing medical procedures, those in need of comfort after a loss, those in need of peace and patience during an illness and recovery, those in celebration of the birth of a child, or those going away to college. There are endless possibilities!

Parishioners who can knit or crochet and those who would like to learn come together on occasion to share tips, to teach and help the new knitters and crocheters, and to enjoy fellowship. The shawls are made of soft yarn so the recipients can wrap up in the shawls and “feel God’s arms around them.” Prayer shawls begin with the shawl makers saying prayers for the recipients. The intentions are continued during the creation of the shawls. Volunteers spend time creating shawls as they wish, as few or as many as they want.
Service Ministries

"The proof of love is in the works."
- Pope Saint Gregory the Great

Catering (The Martha Committee)
The Catering Ministry prepares food and beverages for special parish events and priestly activities during the year. Whether you are a gourmet cook or just like to work around the kitchen, we invite you to participate in this ministry of hospitality. Member participation is on an as-needed basis. The work can be fast paced but always enjoyable as cooking together builds strong bonds among the membership.

Gift Shop
These volunteers staff the gift shop before and after most weekend Masses. The primary duties include selling merchandise, answering questions, offering gift ideas, interacting with and welcoming all the visitors to the store. New volunteers must successfully pass a Level II Background Check before they are assigned duties. Dependent upon required coverage, a volunteer may work 3 – 5 hours each month.

Helping Hands
Volunteer activities are dependent upon the liturgical season and current events at the church. Generally, these projects are short term and perfect for those who have a calling and unable to fulfill long-term commitments. Volunteers are contacted as needs arise and based upon skills and availability.

Clerical
Volunteer opportunities may include filing, data entry, stuffing bulletins, bulk mailings, or Parish Office reception coverage. Volunteers are contacted as needs arise based upon skills required. Participation in this ministry is a great way for parishioners to get to know each other better while performing a service that helps the Parish Community.

Service Ministries

"Do not forget that true love sets no conditions; it does not calculate or complain, but simply loves."
- Blessed John Paul II

Maintenance/Grounds Work
Assistance is always appreciated with special projects as well as the regular upkeep of the Parish buildings and grounds. Most work requires the ability to perform manual labor and general mechanical aptitude. Volunteers are contacted as needs arise based upon skills required.

Money Counters
If you are good with numbers, pay close attention to detail, enjoy working with others, you will want to serve on one of our "3" rotating teams to count the offertory gifts. Under the direction of leaders appointed by the pastor, teams alternate in working Monday mornings and Feast Days for 3-4 hours a shift, depending on the number and size of the collections. New members must successfully pass a Level II Background Check.

"Just as in a physical body the operation of one member contributes to the good of the whole body, so it is in a spiritual body such as the Church. And since all the faithful are one body, the good of one member is communicated to another; everyone members, as the Apostle says, of one another [Eph 4:25]. For that reason, among the points of faith handed down by the Apostles, is that there is a community of goods in the Church, and this is expressed in the words Communion of Saints."
- Saint Thomas Aquinas