

# Worship

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*The Worship Commission gives direction to the liturgical life of the parish, as well as fosters and promotes the spiritual growth of all parishioners, enabling them to understand what it means to be a baptized Catholic Christian. The Worship Commission also seeks to provide opportunities for personal and communal prayer in addition to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This commission coordinates the following committees and groups: The Liturgical Planning Committee that plans the weekend Masses for the various seasons, all the liturgical ministries, prayer services outside of Mass, periodic retreats and the annual Parish*



*Mission during Lent.*



### **Altar Servers**

Servers assist the liturgical ministers during Mass by handling the Sacramentary, altar vessels and linens, cross, and candles. Volunteers serve once or twice a month, arriving 15 minutes early and leaving 10 minutes after every liturgy. Altar servers attend one-hour training sessions which occur throughout the year.



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### **Art & Environment Committee**

This committee comprises a group of parishioners who plan and decorate the church and gym for all liturgical seasons and feasts. We are a collection of men and women who are handy with vacuums and brooms, hammers and electric drills, needles and thread, floral wire and staples, steamers and table saws, etc. We are strictly behind the scenes people and have a great time while readying the church for the sacred liturgy. No talent is too small or too obscure. We work in close collaboration with the Sodality, which is responsible for the provision and maintenance of the sacred vessels and vestments, as well as



other needs for the liturgy. Volunteers are needed on a seasonal or regular basis.

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## Chapel Singers

This is an a cappella group that performs at area senior residences and various parish functions. Repertoire includes sacred and secular music from swing, folk, gospel, and traditional genres. Rehearsal is on Monday evenings in the Duffy Parish Center chapel from 7:30 – 9:00 pm.

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## Children's Choir

Singers lead the congregation in prayerful song and attend a weekly rehearsal, Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

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## Children's Liturgy of the Word (during the Gym Mass)

Got kids? Going to the Gym Mass anyway, even once or twice a month? Help make the Liturgy of the Word more meaningful for young children, ages four through third grade. The Children's Liturgy of the Word meets approximately twice a month over the school year, during the 10:15 Gym Mass. Children are guided out of Mass to experience a child-friendly Liturgy, which includes modified versions of the Sunday readings and Gospel, a homily discussion and/or activity surrounding the week's theme, and a modified version of the Creed. All volunteers are asked to:



- 1) attend one 60-minute information/training session (TBD) in the beginning of the year,
- 2) arrive 30 minutes before Mass on the scheduled dates for set-up and planning (9:45 a.m.), and
- 3) spend approximately 20-60 minutes at home to prepare for the week's Gospel and homily activity (length of time depends upon weekly responsibilities).

We need your support to continue providing this opportunity for our families! With a larger team, it will be possible to limit the number of times per month that any one volunteer is required to lead the Liturgy, therefore accommodating busy and inconsistent schedules. There are approximately 20 Liturgies per year, and each week requires a team of three to four parishioners to make it a success. Please get



involved!

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### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Extraordinary Ministers assist with the distribution of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ. In an initial interview with Lucille Hardin, you will briefly discuss the ministry and the logistics of serving as a minister. An appointment is made with the priest for an interview. A training session will be arranged, and following the training you will be commissioned.



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### **Feast of All Souls, November 2, 2011**



Every year on the feast of All Souls we have a special Mass to remember those parishioners who have died in the last year. The music for this Mass is taken from Gabriel Faure's Requiem, and is performed with choir and orchestra. This year the special Mass will take place in the church on November 2 at 7 pm. with a reception to follow in the Duffy Parish Center.

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### **5:30 Sunday Mass Choir**

This group of teens and adult singers and instrumentalists meets at 4:15 pm on Sunday afternoons in the Duffy Parish Center to prepare for that day's Mass at 5:30 pm. This choir performs music of different styles and traditions, but mostly in the contemporary format including new praise and worship music.

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### **Gym Mass Choir**

Volunteers provide music for the 10:30 am Sunday Gym Mass from September through June. Members rehearse Thursdays, 7:30 pm in the choir room.

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### **Bell Choir**



Rehearse Thursday 7:30- 8:30 pm in the Parish Center Chapel and enhance liturgies throughout the year.

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### **Gym Mass Committee**

This group organizes the worship at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the school gymnasium and encourages the congregation's participation in order to enhance the sense of worship. The Gym Mass Committee volunteers help with many activities such as:



- Arranging a host family to greet the worshipers, assist with the collection, collect weekly food donations, and carry gifts to the priest.
- Organizing Hospitality Sunday, held once a month in the school auditorium after the 10:30 am Sunday Mass. At this event, parishioners share coffee and donuts provided by Gym Mass Committee volunteers.
- Organizing the children's liturgy 3-4 times a month. At this activity the message of the Gospels is presented to the children in a manner that encourages their understanding (for children ages 2 – 10).
- Organizing and scheduling ushers to help seat parishioners and support the duties of the host family.
- Organizing the Committee's largest charity endeavor, the annual Christmas Giving Tree. This event requires a large number of volunteers to help provide Christmas gifts to the needy in the Washington area.



- Organizing the Passion play on Palm Sunday, involving children from the parish.
- Organizing the Environment Committee to ensure that the environment of the Mass enhances the worship.
- Organizing the Outdoor Family Mass and Picnic.

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### **Instrumentalists**



Musicians play the piano, organ or other instrument at Mass at least once a month.

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### **Ministry of the Word (Lectors)**



Lectors serve the parish community by proclaiming the readings at weekday and Sunday Masses. The lector schedule is prepared quarterly, and most Sunday lectors read two or three times per calendar quarter. Weekday lectures typically read once a week or twice a month although weekday schedules vary. Training for new volunteers is required, and is typically scheduled once a year. Teens are most welcome to volunteer, beginning in eighth grade.

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### **Ministry of Hospitality (Ushers)**



Ushers arrive 15 minutes before a weekend Mass, greet people, assist with the offertory collection and procession, distribute material and maintain order. Ushers agree to a weekly commitment, attend an initial training and an annual formation session. Additional volunteers are needed in order to fully staff each regular Mass.

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### **Parish Choir**

Volunteers provide music for the Sunday, 10:30 a.m. church Mass from September through June. Members rehearse Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. in the choir room.

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### **Sanctuary Sodality**

The Sanctuary Sodality is comprised of women dedicated to doing good works both inside and outside our parish in devotion to our Blessed Mother. There are 12 active units that meet monthly as the General Sodality on the first Thursday of each month, October through May. Individual units meet monthly at their convenience. New units are formed yearly. Each unit partakes in their own volunteer program along with working and contributing to the Annual Sodality Bazaar (taking place in November) that raises funds for parish projects and Sodality chosen community charities. Each unit is also responsible for preparing the sanctuary for weekend liturgies two months a year.

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### **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Sunday, June 26, 2011)**

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ is the patronal feast day of our parish. On Sunday, June 20, 2011 we will celebrate this feast with a solemn Mass with choir and orchestra at 12:30 p.m. in the church. A procession of the Blessed Sacrament through our neighborhood will follow this Mass and serve as witness of our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

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