

SAINT FELIX PARISH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities to share of your time & talents



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

- 1 Peter 4:10



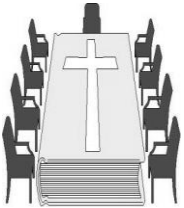
What do you want
of me, Lord?
Where do you want
me to serve you?

It takes the gifts of many to make St. Felix the spirit-filled community that it is. Please consider which of the following ministries calls to you. Your interests, your gifts, and your energy are a welcome addition to our community.

This booklet highlights areas where you can share of your time and talent in our parish community. Please prayerfully reflect over these opportunities and ask yourself, "What can I give back to God for all He has given me? How will I serve others in God's name?"

...PARTICIPATE IN PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Pastoral Council



The Pastoral Council consists of members of the parish who serve as a consultative body to the Pastor. It helps set direction for the parish by carrying forward the parish's mission. The Parish Council encourages communication within the parish and with the community. Most members are elected, others are appointed by the Pastor. The Council meets monthly.

Finance Council



The Finance Council monitors parish finances, advises the Pastor on financial matters such as fund raisers, endowments and other revenue generating activities, and is consulted before major spending projects are undertaken. Membership is by appointment from the Pastor. Monthly meetings are held.



Building/Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee is an advisory body to the Pastor on matters of facility, maintenance and improvement. The Building Committee meets as needed.



Cemetery Board

The Cemetery Board is responsible for making sure the cemetery is maintained and managed properly. The role of the board is to see that capital improvements are made as needed, permanent care and operating funds are managed properly, sell burial lots and maintain all the records of ownership and burial. The Cemetery Board meets once a year or as needed.

...PROMOTE STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH



Stewardship Commission

The members of the Stewardship Commission promote stewardship awareness and education within the parish as a Christian way of life that includes prayer, service and sharing in all facets of our daily lives.

...GET INVOLVED IN SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

Social Justice Commission



Experience a solidarity with the suffering, struggling, poor, in the world around us by participating in the Social Justice activities of our parish. The Social Justice Committee works to integrate the social mission of the church in all aspects of parish life. This commission supports and sponsors involvement in pro-life activities, service to the poor, environmental issues, and legislative activity. We are involved in assessing, strengthening, and broadening the work of charity and justice in our parish.



Stephen Ministry of Care

Just listening could make a difference in someone's life who is going through a job loss, bereavement, disability, terminal illness or other difficulty in life. If this sounds appealing to you, you may want to consider the Stephen Ministry as your servant opportunity. This lay ministry began 27 years ago to give the clergy needed support in pastoral care. You would receive training from the pastoral assistant.



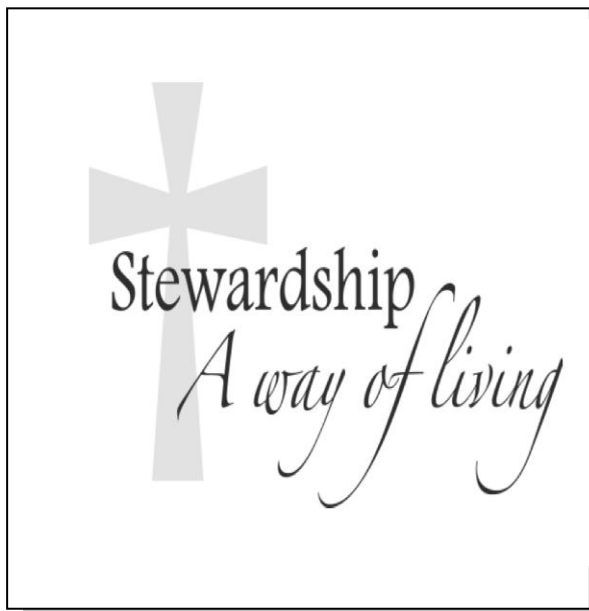
Transportation Ministry

Provide rides to adults and youth in need of transportation to Mass and other parish or school events. (Must be 21 and have a valid driver's license).



Clothing Drive

Help with set-up and clean-up for the clothing drive.



...PARTICIPATE IN LITURGICAL / SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Liturgical / Sacramental Life Commission

This commission provide spiritual and educational guidance to parishioners, so they can be more deeply engaged in the "sacramental" life of the church, develop a deeper prayer life and promote a welcoming environment.



Baptismal Mentor

The baptismal mentor volunteers to visit with parents to help them create a more faith-filled celebration of the child's baptism. In addition, they meet with the parents after the baptism to provide support and encouragement as they strive to raise their child into the Catholic faith. Training is provided.



Marriage Mentors

The marriage mentor volunteers to assist the Pastor in helping engaged couples to recognize the vision of married life and love, according to the teachings of faith. Various topics such as life-style expectations, finances, parenting, religion, marriage covenant, and sexuality are covered. Training is provided for those to be mentors.



Lector

Proclaim God's living Word at all Masses, based on a rotational schedule. Must be an active parishioner. Training is provided.

A St. Felix stewardship story...



Bradd and Sharon Busch live in Wabasha and have been active members of the parish for more than fourteen years.

They serve together in the parish Pre-Cana marriage ministry as mentors. In addition, Brad serves on the Finance Council and Sharon is involved in the parish school book fair efforts. They also have been active with the Fall Festival.

As Bradd has said, "If we truly believe what we have in the church is a treasure, why would we not want to share it with others? We are doing our best to put our gifts to work in the service of the church to bring others into the family."



Sacristan

Assist before and after weekend Masses and special liturgies by preparing and properly placing the items needed for each Mass, i.e. sacramentary, hosts, wine, etc. Training is provided.



Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Assists the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion with reverence and dignity at Mass. Must be a confirmed parishioner. Training is provided.

Communion to the Homebound is needed to extend the table of the Lord to our parishioners unable to attend Mass. You need to be confirmed and training is required.



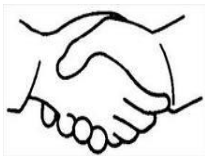
Gift Bearer

Presents the bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist at weekend liturgy. Training is provided.



Mass Server

Assisting the priest during weekend Mass and special liturgies is an important ministry filled by youth who are committed to serving God and parishioners. Offered to youth 4th grade and older. Training is provided.



Ushers/Greeter

Do you feel comfortable welcoming people to worship, tending their needs, helping them find a seat, gathering their gifts during the collection, directing them during communion, and bidding them farewell when the liturgy concludes. Consider becoming an usher/greeter. Training is provided.



Environment/Church Decoration

Our church décor/environment incorporates beauty and liturgical meaning. This team implements suggestions given by Liturgy/Sacramental Life Commission as well as adds their own ideas for creating a welcoming, seasonal, sacred space. Some tasks include tending fresh flowers, and decorating for liturgical seasons.





Music Ministry

Music opens the heart to God's Word in a profound way. Do you feel called to proclaim the Word each week in song or instrument and to help lead the assembly to a deeper sense of prayer and community as the Body of Christ? If so, then the music ministry at St. Felix is the place for you! Includes both Contemporary and Traditional Choirs. Weekly rehearsals.

...NURTURE FAITH FORMATION IN OUR PARISH



Faith Formation Commission

The Faith Formation Commission helps bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all its members. It promotes faith education that will deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith, engages people in experiencing Church Life as a community and nurtures a Christian way of life.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Minister

Individuals who wish to join the Catholic Church whether through baptism or conversion enroll in a program not only to teach them about the Catholic faith but also to familiarize the individual to the parish. Sessions are offered periodically but can be held on an individual basis. These sessions are also offered to individuals who are just interested in the Catholic faith. Volunteer to assist in this program.



Adult Bible Study

Facilitate a small group bible study and share your spiritual faith with others. Materials provided.



Stewardship through Prayer

Time means many things to people, but for those who pray on a regular basis it means a greater sense of serenity and a fuller appreciation for the gift of life in Christ. A fulfilling prayer life, steeped in a sense of gratitude for all that we are and have, can be a beautiful model for your family, friends, the community, our church and yourself. There are many opportunities for personal and community prayer at St. Felix.

- Our **PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY** intercedes on behalf of the church and others-in-need with immediate requests and concerns by participating in a phone-initiated prayer response.
- **PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** is our response to Jesus' love for us, whereby each of us is willing to spend a quiet holy hour of prayer in His Eucharistic Presence. Consider signing up for an hour of adoration once a week.
- Participate in the **ST. IGNATIUS PRAYER GROUP** being held on Wednesdays in the

- St. Felix Holy Family Room at 8a.m. Sunday readings will be studied.
- Our **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP** meets on Monday's at 6:00am, this is a time for intercession for family, parish and community. We reflect and discuss the upcoming Sunday Gospels.
- Participate in the **CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** that meets on Monday evenings at 6:30p.m. in the School Faith Formation room. It's a time for praise, reflection and intercession. Individual prayers available if requested.

...YOUTH/CHILDREN STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Sunday Nursery School Ministry

Nursery school attendants volunteer to supervise younger children age 18 months through 3 years old play while the parents attend Sunday morning Mass. If you are 10 to 17 years old, you must be assisted by an adult. The Nursery School Coordinator trains and schedules attendants. Support and training provided.



Sunday School Ministry

Provide insight and understanding to children ages 4 years to 6years on the Sunday Gospel in an age appropriate way with music activities, and discussions. Sunday School will be held in the Holy Family Room during the Sunday Mass. Serve as a leader or co-leaders to supervise and present activities. Teen assistance is welcome. Sunday School Coordinator oversees the program scheduling the leaders/co-leaders who supervise and present activities.



Children/Youth Faith Formation Opportunities

Variety of stewardship opportunities are involved with our Children/youth faith formation program including:

- Children/Youth Faith Formation Teachers. Lead young people by teaching and guiding them in their faith. Classes meet weekly during the school year for all Catholic students attending public school or who are home schooled. Our emphasis is on the both the learning of and practice our faith.
- Confirmation Prayer Partner. Partner with a young person preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pray for them and with them, encourage them in their faith and provide support in their Confirmation preparation by offering to spend time with them. This is a great way to become involved in a special way in the lives of our young people at St. Felix.
- Retreat Planning Committee. Do you like brainstorming and looking for new possibilities? Use your originality and creativeness to plan confirmation retreat.



Vacation Bible School

Direct the week long summer activities held in the evening for children to learn about the Bible and God's love for them. Great opportunity to work with children and help them grow in their faith. This is a meaningful way for teens or adults to discover and practice the joy of service. Crew leaders, volunteers and supplies provided.



Youth Council

The Youth Council volunteers help broaden the experience of our youth by providing a variety of activities for our youth to build in their knowledge and practice of faith. Participants on the Youth Council are youth in grades 6-12. The Youth Council volunteers meet monthly.



Xtreme Teen Fellowship

Work with the Teen Fellowship program and to create a sense of Christian community through 'extreme' outdoor (and indoor) team-building activities such as possibly skiing, canoeing, and rock-climbing.



Helping Hands Ministry

Help coordinate this program aimed at parish youth with the focus on community service projects.

...OTHER STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Annual Parish Mission Team

Assists in planning the annual parish mission including date determination, speaker recruitment, publicity and structure.



Welcoming Ministry

Extend Christian friendship to all and make them feel welcome in our parish, including newcomers, visitors, and long time members. As a Welcome Ministry volunteer you would contact newcomers and help an individual or family get acquainted and familiarize them with our parish services. Be a contact person for the parish if have any questions. Help in the design of

welcome packets and other materials. Develop new ways to make our long time residents still feel welcome.



Parish Event/Office Support

Variety of stewardship opportunities are involved with helping to meet a wide variety of clerical needs within the parish including:

- Callers for Parish Calling Tree. Volunteer to call parishioners about special parish events or emergency parish situations. If you are a communicator, this is a great place for you to volunteer. The calling is limited and the number of calls depends on the number of volunteers.
- Office Assistant. Volunteer to help with secretarial/administrative duties on an as-needed basis (for example, mailings, coverage for secretarial duties during a long absence) or emergency needs. The workload is limited and requests are infrequent. Occasionally stuffing and addressing envelope for mailing.
- Event Set-Up Team. Set up tables, dishes, centerpiece, silverware, and glasses on tables for funerals and other parish events.
- Event Server. Helps in kitchen for event preparation; sets up buffet table; and attends to guests' table needs.
- Event Clean-Up Team. Clears, washes and puts away tables after a parish event.
- Event Cooking Team. Works in parish kitchen to help prepare meals for parish events; cleans up dishes and kitchen.
- Event Baking Team. Bakes and/or cooks menu items as requested for small parish events.
- Photographer. Photographs parish events for website and printed publications.
- Writer. Writes articles or scripts for website and other parish needs.
- Proof Reader. Reads previously- written material checking for accuracy before it is used . Work independently.
- Garden Ministry Team Member. Tends to plantings on church grounds. Works independently or with a partner. Self-determines schedule. No regular meetings.
- Parish Website Team Member. Works cooperatively on weekly updates of the parish website.
- St. Felix Catholic School. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available in the Catholic School.

...GET INVOLVED IN PARISH ORGANIZATIONS



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic family service organization serving the parish, St. Felix School, the community and nation. With the emphasis on charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism various projects are implemented annually. The K.C.'s support seminarians, enhance family life, and seek to foster a true sense of Christian fellowship. The organization meets monthly. Any male 18 years or older, and in good standing in the church, is welcome to join.



Serra Club

The Serra Club is an organization of Catholic men and women working to foster and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Serrans accept the challenge of fostering vocations and encouraging spiritual growth through prayer, holy hours, meetings, vocational programs and personal involvement in school, parish, and diocesan activities. The Serra Club meets once a month, usually on Sunday afternoons.



National Council of Catholic Women

The National Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.



St. Joseph Society/ Catholic Aid

This group of men meets for fraternity and service to the parish through card parties, dinners and other activities. As a body the Society receives communion to promote vocations and pertinent church issues.



Catholic Society of the Foresters

A membership of women dedicated to help the parish and the community by carrying out programs and helping those in need. Provides leadership, plans social and charitable activities, e.g. sews quilts for newly baptized babies, helps with the Spring Salad Parish Luncheon, sponsors an annual Card Party for Alzheimer's disease, and helps annually with the monthly birthday parties for nursing care residents at St Elizabeth's Hospital and Health Care Center. Generally meets monthly.