

Standing Committees

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church offers numerous ways for our parishioners to get involved with parish ministry. Please familiarize yourself with our ministry opportunities. If you are a parishioner in need, or know of someone who would benefit from one of our ministries, we encourage you to contact the chairperson of that ministry so that he/she can follow up with you and share information about that ministry. If you have been nourished through this parish community and are looking for a way to become more fully involved, please read through these descriptions and prayerfully discern where you may be able to share your gifts with others. Please contact Bettie Berndt at (434) 636-6277 or email her at stpeterebony@gmail.com.

Liturgy

The Liturgy Committee prepares and plans the celebration for the Saturday/Sunday Masses, especially during Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. The committee has the responsibility for ordering liturgical supplies, maintaining altar linens and vestments and hosting visiting priests. Scheduling Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers and the Choir are also part of this committee's responsibility.

- **Lectors** proclaim the word of the Lord and the Prayers of the Faithful at weekday and weekend Masses. The 1st Lector makes sure the *Lectionary* is set to the correct readings. The 2nd Lector makes sure that a) the *Prayers of the Faithful* are set to the correct Sunday and b) the *Book of the Gospels* is set to the correct Sunday and placed on the table at the back of church.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)** assist the priest/celebrant in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. They prepare the vessels; wine and water cruets, large chalice with host, two smaller chalices, water bowl, and appropriate linens. A diagram is posted in the sacristy for clarification. They fill the ciborium with an appropriate number of unconsecrated hosts; both the ciborium and the cruet filled with wine are placed on the table at the back of the church. EMHC also clean the vessels used during Mass and take the linens home to launder & fold. A guide is available for proper folding. Some EMHC also take Communion to the sick and homebound after Mass.
- **Ushers** are present before Mass to greet people as they arrive in church. They light the altar candles, including the votives on either side of the lectern, help with seating, obtain gift-bearers for the Offertory procession, take up the collection, direct parishioners at communion time, and distribute bulletins at the end of Mass. Ushers are responsible for depositing collection monies in the safe. All lights are to be out and doors securely locked before ushers leave the church.
- **Choir** members contribute their vocal talents to enhance the beauty and dignity of the weekend Mass and on special occasions. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings.
- **Altar Society** members take care of vestments and altar cloths and decorate the church for the appropriate liturgical season.

Building and Grounds

- The **Building and Grounds** committee is responsible for the care of parish facilities, including maintenance and repair of parish buildings and grounds. They meet every Friday morning at 9:00 am for 2-4 hours depending on the complexity of tasks needed. They meet at other times as required by the committee chair as they provide support for all other ministries in the parish.
- **St. Peter's Guild** members take care of the weekly cleaning of the Sanctuary, Narthex, & restrooms.

Growing in our Faith

The purpose of the **Growing in our Faith** committee is to explore the core elements of the Catholic Faith and Practices as they relate to our adult life experiences and to grow in our everyday world as faithful disciples of Jesus.

Justice and Peace

The purpose of the **Justice and Peace** committee is to care for the poor and to work for the elimination of violence and injustice in our community. The mission of this committee is to reach out and extend support with the heart of Jesus to all those who are burdened by material, emotional, health, or other needs.

Parish Community Life

The **Parish Community Life** committee promotes a spirit of community in the parish, organizes social events throughout the year and offers hospitality at times of bereavement. Major responsibilities include purchasing goods, set-up, serving, and clean-up for parish social events.

Fundraising

The **Fundraising** committee is responsible for creating projects throughout the year that generate funds which help support the financial needs of the Church. Traditionally, during the year, there are two major fundraisers. The Fall Bazaar is held the first Saturday in November. Bake Sales take place corresponding with holidays throughout the year. The committee is always open to suggestions from our parishioners.

Publicity Committee

The **Publicity** Committee is responsible for getting the word out to parishioners and the general public as to what is happening at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. The Parish website and Facebook page are updated on a regular basis. In addition, this committee is responsible for marketing to local newspapers, radio stations, and other advertising agencies.