



## Volunteer Opportunities 2021

### **Liturgical Ministries**

*Altar Server:* Serve and assist the priest during Mass. Altar servers need to be fourth grade or older and have made their First Communion. All new altar servers will have a training session prior to being assigned.

*Sacristan:* Prepare the sanctuary for weekday or weekend liturgies. The sacristan should arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to Mass. All new sacristans will have a training session prior to being assigned.

*Greeter/ Gift Family:* Greeters welcome parishioners and visitors to the Cathedral before Mass, making them feel at home. Gift families bring the bread and wine to the altar during the offertory procession.

*Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:* Eucharistic Ministers assist the priests and deacons with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. All new Eucharistic Ministers will have a training session prior to being assigned.

*Lector:* Lectors are readers who proclaim the Word of God at liturgies. All new lectors will have a training session prior to being assigned.

*Usher:* Ushers provide assistance to the congregation at Mass, including greeting, seating, assisting the gift family, taking up the collection and distributing bulletins after Masses.

### **Catechesis**

*Parish School of Religion (PSR):* PSR is for students not attending Catholic school. The program is designed to foster full and active participation in the life and mission of the Catholic Church through experiences in prayer, scripture, religion lessons, and participation in the sacramental life of the parish. Teachers and substitutes are needed to ensure the program runs smoothly throughout the year.

*RCIA:* The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process of inviting, welcoming and initiating new members into the Roman Catholic faith. Candidates and catechumens are introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Volunteers are needed to teach and provide information during the process (teachers) and represent the Catholic community in guiding the candidates and catechumens (sponsors).

## **Music Ministry**

There are several ways you can get involved with the music ministry at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. We welcome musicians of varying voices. Opportunities consist of an Adult Contemporary Ensemble, song leader (cantor), Cathedral Choir, Hand Bell Choir, Schola and Youth Choir (new for 2021).

## **Cathedral Parish Committees**

*Bereavement Committee:* The Bereavement Committee provides concern, kindness and support to members of our parish who have experienced the death of a loved one.

*Finance Council:* The Finance Council is selected by the pastor to assist him in the administration of the goods of the Cathedral parish. If you are a CPA or hold a position in the financial sector, and you would like to be considered for a future appointment to this council, please contact our parish bookkeeper directly.

*Parish Council Candidate:* The members of the Parish Council are a consultative body who serve three-year terms from the parish at large. Together with the pastor, they assist in fostering pastoral activity at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of each month.

*Pro-Life Committee:* The Pro-Life committee coordinates educational, pastoral, and public advocacy efforts to restore and enhance respect for human life.

*School Advisory Board Candidate:* The St. Joseph Cathedral Advisory School Board (ASB) meets monthly to review and implement policies related to the school. Nine board members are selected to three-year rotating terms. The advisory school board formulates local school policies, recommends and monitors the annual school budget and serves as a public relations body for the school. Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month.

*Stewardship Committee Candidate:* The Stewardship Committee will develop and foster a Christian community atmosphere where the mission of the Cathedral parish can be fulfilled through a total stewardship of parishioners' time, talent and treasure.

*Welcoming Committee:* The Welcoming Committee is dedicated to reaching out to newly registered families, ensuring they feel at home in our parish, and ultimately helping them to become active members at the Cathedral.

*Vocations Committee:* The mission of the Vocations Committee is to promote vocations by prayer, personal contact, and projects involving parish families, in an effort to be blessed with dedicated priests, deacons, consecrated person, and faith-filled and generous parents.

## **Cathedral General**

*Altar Linens:* Volunteers who clean, press and fold the linens used for the celebration of Masses at the Cathedral. Instructions will be provided.

*Church Decorators:* This ministry assists with decorating the Cathedral for special occasions, such as episcopal liturgies, throughout the entire calendar year.

*General Labor, landscaping, maintenance & painting:* Volunteers knowledgeable in painting, carpentry, gardening, and general maintenance that help to repair or improve the parish buildings and grounds.

*Seasonal Cleaning/Decorating:* Volunteers who do seasonal cleaning and decorating of the Cathedral and Adoration chapel twice per year, for the beginning of the Christmas and Easter seasons.

*Sunday Collection Counter:* Detail-oriented volunteers who count and record the weekly collections, with annual approval by the Finance Council.

## **Cathedral Parish Prayer**

*Centering Prayer:* Members meet each Monday at 12:10 p.m. in the Cathedral Chapel for prayer and reflection. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*Rosary leader:* Lead the rosary in the Cathedral proper on a rotating schedule on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

*Prayer Partners:* Prayer partners will pray for one another, potentially communicate in ways such as letters, phone calls, etc, with the ultimate goal of building relationships within our parish community.

*Holy Hour/Adoration:* Eucharistic Adoration is the Catholic devotional tradition of spending prayerful time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Volunteers may serve weekly or bi-weekly. The customary amount of time is one full hour per week, but shorter or longer adoration times are acceptable.

## **Cathedral Parish Office General**

*Assemble Bulletins:* Assist with weekly bulletin assembly when inserts are necessary.

*Parish Office Volunteer (general):* Support the parish office on an as needed basis. Your name will be added to our contacts when opportunities arise.

## **Cathedral Parish Service**

*Food Prep/Serving Funeral Luncheons:* Provide a covered dish and/or offer to set up/serve/clean-up at funeral luncheons.

*Special Dinners:* Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean-up at special dinners such as clergy lunch before Chrism Mass, special receptions and ordinations.

*Nursing Home Outreach:* This committee will organize the Cathedral's year-round outreach plan to ensure that those who are homebound or in assisted living feel connected to their parish.

*Families in Need volunteer:* The Families In Need program provides food on a monthly basis to those needing it. Volunteers are needed to help bag and deliver food.

*Parish Bazaar:* Supports our parish through our only, annual fundraising event. Volunteer opportunities include food preparation and serving the turkey dinner, and setting up and cleaning up tables, chairs and booths. Various types of help are needed on the day of the Bazaar to make things run smoothly. No special skills are required, just a cheerful and willing spirit!

### **Cathedral School**

*General Volunteer:* Volunteer opportunities arise throughout the year. Your name will be added to a list and contacted when unique opportunities are available.

*Cafeteria volunteer:* Offer your time to volunteer in the cafeteria and serve meals to our school students. You can volunteer monthly (or more often if you'd like). Volunteers are needed daily from 10:45-12:45.

*Substitute teacher:* Serve the school as a substitute teacher when school staff are not available.

*Test reader:* Test readers are needed for students needing additional support. You will be added to a list of volunteers and reached out to when opportunities are available.

*Office volunteer:* Serve as a general office volunteer. Duties will vary depending on the time of year.

*Golf Committee:* Volunteer your time to execute the school's annual golf fundraiser.

### **Youth/Young Adult Ministry**

*JP11:* We gather with a mission of building intentional relationships, we aim to grow closer to Christ, His Church, and each other through small groups and social events.

*Youth Fundraisers:* Organizing events to provide funds for parish youth to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference, Mission trips, and retreats.

*Youth Event Chaperone:* Attend Youth retreats, Fundraiser events, and National Catholic Youth Conference. Each event needs a number of adults present to be Virtus compliant.

*General Volunteer for Youth Ministry:* Assist the Youth Minister in organizing, promoting and attending events.

All positions serve at the discretion of the Pastor.

For questions or for more details regarding the volunteer opportunities listed, email [info@cathedraljc.org](mailto:info@cathedraljc.org), or call the Parish Office (573.635.7991).