DIVINE MERCY PASTORATE

CHURCH OF SAINT MARY IMMACULATE HEART

MINISTRY FAIR

St. Mary and the Pastorate have many opportunities to get involved! Continue reading to see what is all offered.

PARISH LIFE AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Adoration: Sign up to spend time with Our Lord on Wednesdays.

Cleaning Crew Ministry: Cleaning the office area. Flexible involvement (weekly, monthly, & quarterly options available)

Culture of Life Committee: Pray, educate, and serve the parish and the community by promoting a culture of life from conception to life's natural end. Option to be on the planning committee or to pray and volunteer as needed.

Feeding South Dakota: Work with Feeding South Dakota to collect food donations each February.

Funeral Lunch Workers: Assist with funeral lunches.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: A ministry designed to promote and strengthen our parish community by providing a chance to meet those familiar faces we see each week while having fun at the same time!

Knights of Columbus: A fraternal service order of Catholic men who work to serve our parish and community.

Mahjongg: If you enjoy playing mahjongg, join us in the Parish Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 1–3 PM.

Mother's Book Study: Women's faith-based book study that meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Outdoor Plant Care: Assist with outdoor plant care around the campus.

Prayer Chain: Sign up to receive prayer requests.

Seasonal Decorating: Seasonal decorating of the church.

Serra Vocation Ministries: Supports and promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life by prayer, support for Seminarian education, and adopting a seminarian.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: Volunteers who live out their Catholic faith by serving neighbors in need through home visits, diaper ministry, and the support provided by the St. Vincent dePaul thrift stores.

The Banquet: Prepare and serve food for one evening meal at the Banquet. The next scheduled time is November 17.

Tot Spot: A book nook in the Parish Hall for toddlers 3 & under to go to with a parent if/when they need a little break from Sunday morning Masses and where parents can still see and hear the Mass.

Votive Candles: A group of people who change the votive candles each week.

Women's Altar Society: Assists clergy in supporting our parish community through service projects and social gatherings.

PASTORATE LIFE AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Bereavement Ministry: We focus on showing Our Lord's merciful love through supporting parishioners and their families in times of grief.

Creation Care Ministry: Together, as a people of God, we are called to care for creation, its people, and the common good.

Euchre: Euchre is a card game and we host events for all to gather to play and socialize. The next event is on Saturday, November 14, at St. Mary.

Homebound Ministry: To visit and/or bring Communion to those who are sick, of old age, or unable to get to weekend Mass and are in their own homes.

Legion of Mary: Our mission is to encourage devotion to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother through praying the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Eucharistic Adoration.

Nursing Home Ministry: To visit and/or bring Communion to nursing home residents. Weekend (Sunday after 8 AM Mass at Christ the King) and weekday options are available.

St. Patrick Newman Meals: Providing meals on Wednesday for Saint Patrick Newman Club students; drop-off by 6:15 PM.

Seven Sisters Apostolate: A Seven Sister: One Holy Hour, One Priest, Each Week, One Heart of Prayer.

SHE - Shall be Called Woman: This program is for all women and a place to both give and receive; it is currently in the planning stages.

That Man Is You: Tuesday mornings at Christ the King. Our mission is to grow closer in relationship with Jesus Christ so we can better imitate him in all aspects of life, especially as husbands, fathers, and leaders in the community.

Well-Read Mom: A growing movement of women, all reading the same theme and curated list of great works of literature together.

LITURGICAL AND WEEKEND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Altar Server: 5th-12th Grade

Head Usher

Usher: 11th - Adult; 6th-10th grades are welcome to Usher with a parent

Lector: 11th Grade - Adult

Eucharistic Minister: 11th Grade - Adult

Gift Bearer: Families or individuals are welcome

Rosary Leader: Leaders pray the Rosary 30 minutes before all Masses each weekend.

Gift Card Sales: Oversees gift card sales after weekend Masses

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Held during 10 AM Masses at Christ the King; Volunteers allow children to hear the readings and have them explained at an age-appropriate level

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Cantor

Choir: 9:00 AM Sunday Mass

Folk Group: 4:00 PM Saturday Mass

Funeral Choir

Bell Choir: Create music using handbells to enhance the liturgy; does not require music reading skills or experience with handbells; play and practice at Christ the King

FAITH FORMATION: SERVICE AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN AND FAMILY FORMATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

2nd Grade Sacramental Retreats: Volunteers will help facilitate activity-based sacramental retreats for First Reconciliation and First Communion on January 23 and 30, 2027, at St. Mary.

Family Formation Gatherings: Volunteers needed to help set up and tear down/clean up after our twice-a-month Family Formation events (Wednesday at Christ the King 6:30 PM; Sunday at St. John Paul II after Mass).

First Reconciliation and First Communion Mass Assistance: Volunteers needed March 16, 2027, at St. Mary for the First Reconciliation service. Volunteers needed for First Communion Masses on April 4 (St. John Paul II), 11 (Christ the King), and 18 (St. Mary), 2027.

K-5th Religious Education (RE) Catechists: Teach RE at St. Mary on two Wednesdays a month, September-April, 6:30-7:30 PM.

K-5th Religious Education Classroom Assistants: Assist the catechists during RE nights.

K-5th Substitute Catechists and Assistants: We have a huge need for substitute catechists and assistants. If you want to volunteer for RE but cannot commit to a full year, please sign up to be a substitute!

YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

6th-12th Grade Youth Ministry Substitute: Substitutes fill in to lead a small group of students by grade and gender. Curriculum is provided.

Confirmation Small Group Leader Substitute: Substitutes fill in to lead Confirmation prep for 10th graders from September to January, including small group facilitation; 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays at St.Mary.

Youth Group Mentor: Age 16+; Create a welcoming environment, participate in games and activities, lead small group discussion, and help with snacks.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Catholic Readers' Book Club: For adults seeking to engage with deep questions of faith while reading brilliant fiction. Meets monthly on Tuesday evenings at Christ the King, starting October 13.

Encountering Christ in the Catholic Church (OCIA): The Pastorate's program for preparing for initiation into the Catholic Christian faith (aka OCIA). All are welcome to join us on Thursday evenings at Christ the King, starting at 7 PM.

Fall Formation Group Study: Join us for *Story of a Soul* (St. Thérèse of Lisieux), a 6-week study starting October 5 and 6, meeting at St. Mary and Christ the King. Facilitated by Matt Mueller and Justine Olawsky.

In-Home Couples Bible Study: Pick a book from the Bible or another book to review and study in depth; led by Deacon Ridder.

Men's Bible Study Group: 12 PM on Tuesdays at St. Mary; Bible study focusing on the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday; led by Deacon Ridder.

Women's Scripture Study: Wednesday mornings at St. Mary; Scripture study focusing on the upcoming Sunday readings.

Spring Formation Group Study: Join us for a Lenten study (TBD). Please let us know if you'd like us to contact you with more information.