DIVINE MERCY PASTORATE

SAINT JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC CHURCH

MINISTRY FAIR

St. John Paul II 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 at St. Mary and/or Thursdays at Christ the King.

Funeral Ministry: Volunteers set up, serve, do dishes, and clean up for the luncheon that takes place after the funeral Mass.

Fish Fry: During Lent, volunteers can help prepare/cook the fish, provide sides/desserts, or serve at the dinner.

Knights of Columbus: Join at Christ the King or St. Mary. As Catholic men, our mission is to live our faith at home, in our parish, at work, and in the community.

JPII Women's Book Group: Women looking to grow in our knowledge of faith and fellowship in our church community.

Prayer Chain: Sign up to receive prayer requests.

St. John Bosco Project for Backpacks & School Supplies: Committed to ensuring that every student in our community has the tools they need to succeed by providing the necessary backpacks and school supplies they need.

St. Lawrence's Stocking the Pantry for the Holidays Drive: Let's stock the Harrisburg Area Food Pantry this Holiday Season, ensuring all our neighbors have the food and household supplies they need.

Seasonal Decorating: Seasonal decorating of the worship space.

55+ and Raring to Go: To socialize and get to know fellow parish members.

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 everyone 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 (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

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

Lector: High School - Adult

Eucharistic Minister: 11th Grade - Adult

Greeter: Families or individuals are welcome

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

Sound: Sunday only

Mass Set Up and Clean Up

Donut Sunday: Volunteers help set up and serve donuts and beverages once a month during the school year

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Held at 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

Accompanist/Musician: There is always room for more cantors, choir members, and or accompanists that help enhance the Mass

Cantor

Choir: Sings on the second Sunday of each month

Funerals and Weddings

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.