



Ministries Matter!

Join us in this journey to
discover where you can
serve God and the
St. Joseph parish
community.

Our Ministries

Altar Servers

Altar Servers are “prayer leaders” and assist both the priest and people with the celebration of Mass. Beginning in grade 4, both boys and girls are invited to join the Ministry of Altar Service. Altar Servers typically serve twice per month and training is provided. The Altar Server schedule is coordinated with other Ministry schedules (Lectors, EMHCs, Choir...) so that family members serving in different ministries are assigned to the same Mass. Servers who attend St. Joseph School also will serve School Masses. Additional opportunities to serve are found on Holy Days, Special Liturgies, Weddings and Funerals.

Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism, Faith

Contact: Dan Wagner dan@stjosephcolumbia.org
803.254.7646 ext.422

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us". During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be. Like a magnet, the Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us. Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!"

Parishioners are invited to come and adore our Lord. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the Adoration Chapel on Tuesdays, immediately following daily Mass (8 AM - 12:15 PM).

Benediction will follow at 12:15 PM in the Chapel. The Chapel is located in the Parish House between the Rowland Education Building and the Church. To sign up for Adoration, go to: www.stjosephcolumbia.org/eucharistic-adoration.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) are members of the Parish who assist the celebrant with the distribution of the Precious Body. In addition, EMHCs bring the Eucharist to shut-ins and those in hospitals and nursing homes. They show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread. This ministry does require a training workshop. All parishioners (age 18 and up), who feel called, are invited to join this special ministry.

Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Giving, Shepherding

Contact: Dan Wagner dan@stjosephcolumbia.org

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Faith Formation – CCD & OCIA

Children: Religious Education provides instruction in the Catholic Faith for children in grades 1 - 8 on Sunday mornings at St. Joseph Catholic School from 9:15 - 10:15 AM. Confirmation preparation years are considered 7th and 8th grades in conjunction with our youth ministry program and students are confirmed in their 9th grade year. There is currently no Registration fee for the upcoming year.

Adult: Adult Education classes are held at various times throughout the year. These classes cover a wide range of topics and provide adults in our parish with an opportunity to grow both spiritually and intellectually. Please check the bulletin and emails for information about upcoming opportunities or call the parish office at 803.254.7646.

Sacramental Preparation: Preparation for the Sacraments is completed either through our CCD classes for children, the OCIA for adults or through seminars that are offered throughout the year for Baptism and Marriage

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Encouragement, Evangelism, Faith, Knowledge, Shepherding, Teaching, Wisdom

Contact: Ben Jett, Director of Religious Education

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Adam Fisher, Coordinator of Rites

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Family Fellowship

Family fellowship meets once a month on Sunday evenings.

This gathering is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together, share a meal, and build lasting friendships. Whether you're looking to meet new friends or simply enjoy good company, our time together is all about strengthening bonds and growing in fellowship.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Evangelism, Faith, Hospitality, Leadership, Shepherding, Teaching

Contact: Bernadette Nargi Bernadettenargi@gmail.com

Family Fellowship – Men's Group

Come grab a beer and enjoy fellowship with us at Hunter-Gatherer Brewery at the Hangar on the third Thursday of each month starting at 7:30 PM.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Evangelism, Faith, Hospitality, Leadership, Shepherding, Teaching

Contact: Thomas Glasgow glasgowtf@gmail.com

Gilmore Ladies Group

This senior ladies group is an offspring of St. Joseph Respite Care which began in 1997, now called the Gilmore Ladies Group. This group meets weekly on Thursdays from 10 AM – 1:45 PM in the Gilmore Senior Center (MAB). We share what's going in our church, our lives, our community and the world. We are especially conscious of protection of all life and the environment. Join us for fellowship, games, music, and bring your lunch!

Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Hospitality

Contact: Beverly Black Belser lakepointb@bellsouth.net

Mary Sue Gambrell mgambrell35973@hotmail.com

Greeters & Ushers: Ministry of Hospitality

This Ministry offers the opportunity to serve Christ by serving those who gather to worship. Ministers of Hospitality are the visible representatives of the Parish, expressing the welcoming nature of the St. Joseph community. In addition to offering a smile and a friendly greeting to everyone entering the church, they assist with seating, take up the collection, and distribute Orders of Worship and bulletins. Ministers of hospitality also provide directions for visitors and attendants to campus locations and facilities within the Church.

All members of our parish, men and women who are at least 18 years old, are invited to join this Ministry Training is largely "on the job" but guidance and training are available.

Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism, Hospitality

Contact: Dan Wagner dan@stjosephcolumbia.org

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Introduction to Catholicism (OCIA)

The Introduction to Catholicism course offers a systematic study of the teachings, practices, and customs of the Catholic Church. The course primarily serves as the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly known as RCIA), providing non-Catholics with a greater understanding of the faith and the normative process through which adults prepare to join the Church. However, all classes are open for practicing Catholics to take part in the New Evangelization by rediscovering and delving deeper into various topics of the faith. Classes are held weekly in the MAB from September through Easter.

Spiritual Gifts: Discernment, Encouragement, Evangelism, Faith, Knowledge, Shepherding, Teaching, Wisdom
Contact: Adam Fisher, Coordinator of Rites
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Joyful Servants

The Joyful Servants ministry at St. Joseph Church is a warm and welcoming group of volunteers of all ages who enjoy assisting the Parish through service and fellowship. Parishioners are invited to contribute to the spirit of hospitality by volunteering for at least one event each year. All volunteer opportunities are tailored to individual availability and interests.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Evangelism, Helps, Hospitality
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Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are men of faith and men of action. They undertake acts of charity because they see those in need through the eyes of faith. Moreover, in the Knights of Columbus, they approach acts of charity together. If you'd like

to be a part of an international organization of 1.8 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, contact the Knights of Columbus, Council #12554.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Faith, Giving, Helps, Hospitality, Leadership, Shepherding

www.kofc12554.org

Contact: Robb McBurney mcburneyfamily4@gmail.com

Lay Carmelites

The Lay Carmelite is called to the Family of Carmel to be deeply involved in the mission of the Church, to contribute to the transformation of the secular world. A Lay Carmelite does this by sharing in the charism of the Carmelite Order. We find in Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and in the Prophet Elijah the models for this way of Gospel living. Profession of promises as a member of the Lay Carmelites is an intensified commitment to the living of one's baptismal promises. Being a Lay Carmelite is not just a devotion added to life; it is a way of life, a vocation. By entering the Order, the Lay Carmelite takes upon him/herself the Carmelite charism of prayer, community, and service to others. The call to Carmel, a call to seek God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life, roots Lay Carmelites in a love of those with whom they live and work, in the recognition of God's presence in all circumstances, and in solidarity with God's People everywhere

Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Intercession, Mercy

Contact: Stephanie North nobleelec@gmail.com

Lectio Divina Ladies' Prayer Group

The Ladies Prayer Group meets in the Blossom House on Tuesdays from 1 - 3 PM. Its focus is on listening to God. The first part of each meeting is spent talking about prayer experiences from the week prior. Then, the next selection of scripture is read

out loud twice and the last 20 minutes together is spent in silent prayer. It is a very powerful and salubrious experience.

Spiritual Gifts: Discernment, Encouragement, Faith, Intercession, Knowledge, Teaching, Wisdom

Contact: Anne Hoppmann hoppmail@sc.rr.com

Lectors

Lectors are members of the Parish who read Sacred Scripture during Mass and other Liturgies. Lectors proclaim God's word, bringing encouragement to the downtrodden, hope to the hopeless, and joy to mourners. This ministry does require a training workshop. All parishioners (age 16 and up), who feel called, are invited to join this special ministry.

Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism, Faith, Teaching

Contact: Dan Wagner dan@stjosephcolumbia.org

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Legion of Mary

This ministry is a balanced program of prayer and service in union with the Holy Spirit as realized through Mary, Mother of the Church. Works include door-to-door evangelization, parish visitation projects, and other spiritual needs of the parish and community. It provides Catholics an opportunity to do something positive for the Church, while at the same time deepening their spiritual life and strengthening their Catholic Faith. The Legion meets in the Blossom House once a week on Wednesdays from 8:30 AM – 10 AM, except the last week of the month when we meet on Friday.

Spiritual Gifts: Discernment, Encouragement, Evangelism, Faith, Helps, Hospitality, Intercession, Mercy, Shepherdng

Contact: Frieda Campbell 803.783.3570 or 803.608.3843

Livestream Ministry

Did you know that an average of 145 people tune in to our weekend livestream Masses?

Join the St. Joseph Live Video Broadcast Ministry!

This vital ministry reaches our homebound and out-of-town parishioners, allowing them to stay connected with our faith community. Volunteers take turns serving as producers for our Sunday morning and Holy Day Masses, streamed live on YouTube. Basic computer skills are all you need—training is provided, and this is a paid ministry position.

Interested? Want to learn more?

Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Helps, Giving, Leadership

Contact: David Eisenhower davidike44@gmail.com

Meal Ministry

To coordinate meals for members of our parish family during significant life events, such as the birth of a new baby, the loss of a loved one, surgery, or illness. In these moments, people often ask, "How can I help?" One meaningful and practical way to show love and share the heart of Jesus is by providing a meal.

Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Giving Encouragement, Hospitality, Mercy, Shepherding

Contact: Mary Anne Maurer

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Men's Prayer Group

The Men's Prayer Group is open to men of the parish who wish to enrich their spirituality through study and discussion. Each meeting begins with praying the Liturgy of the Hours, the same prayers prayed that day by the Pope, clergy, religious and lay Catholics throughout the world. This is followed with a discussion of a section of a book written by a Catholic author. This group meets every Wednesday morning in the Gilmore Senior Center (MAB) from 6:30 - 7:25 AM, which allows participants to attend daily Mass.

Spiritual Gifts: Discernment, Encouragement, Faith, Prayer
Intercession, Knowledge, Teaching, Wisdom

Contacts: Ken Woodington kwoodington@sc.rr.com

Bob Henry henry737@aol.com

Music Ministry

Adult Choir

Joining a church choir offers numerous benefits, both spiritual and social. It's a way to express devotion through music, deepen your faith, and build community with fellow members. Singing together fosters a sense of belonging and camaraderie, while also providing opportunities for personal growth, stress relief, and spiritual improvements. St. Joseph Parish has a rich history of sacred music for more than 70 years glorifying God through music and we hope you will join us!

Spiritual Benefits:

Deepened Faith: Singing hymns and other worship songs can be a powerful way to connect with your faith and deepen your understanding of religious texts.

Enhanced Worship Experience: Participating in choir can help you become more engaged in the worship service and derive greater spiritual benefit from the music and liturgy.

Personal Growth: Learning new music and performing can boost your confidence and help you develop new skills, while the lyrics you sing can deepen your faith and understanding of spiritual concepts.

Sense of Purpose: Choir singing can give you a greater sense of purpose and connection to something larger than yourself.

Social Benefits:

Community Building: Joining a choir provides an opportunity to connect with others who share your passion for music and build lasting friendships.

Stress Relief: Singing is a natural stress reliever, and the supportive environment of our choir can further reduce stress and anxiety.

Social Connection: Choir participation can lead to a stronger connection with your Parish community

Shared Experience: Singing together creates a sense of unity and shared purpose, fostering a strong bond among choir members.
Meeting time: Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Bel Canto Children's Choir

Students who love to sing or want to challenge themselves at learning more advanced music can audition for the parish wide Children's Choir - Bel Canto. This choir performs once a month at a designated Sunday Mass as well as throughout the year for other special Masses. Please contact Worth Lewallen (The Director of Music Ministry) for more information and to schedule and audition. worth@stjosephcolumbia.org.

Students who have already been accepted into the ensemble do not need to re-audition each year

Meeting time: Tuesday 4:30 - 6:00 PM

Piccoli Cantori Children's Choir

All students in 1st and 2nd grade as well as students in 3rd grade who do not want to audition for Bel Canto can learn to sing in the Parish's training choir. Students will continue to learn about reading music, blending their voices, matching pitch, and making new friends along the way. This choir does NOT require an audition and all are welcome. Participation in this choir greatly helps their chances at participating in the advanced Bel Canto choir when they come of age.

Meeting time: Tuesday 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Want to join or learn more about the children's choirs? Scan the QR link:



Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Faith, Prayer, Giving, Evangelism, and Shepherding

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Natural Family Planning

Welcome to the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System! The Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System takes natural family planning to the next level - through Fertility Appreciation! Whether you're a single woman looking to monitor fertility, an engaged couple looking to learn how to live out your sexuality within marriage, or whether you're already married and looking for a different option to family planning...You are in the right place!

The Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System is a medical-model system that allows women and couples to learn about their fertility as well as to monitor and evaluate the woman's health. It also respects the dignity of the human person and reverence for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Struggling with infertility? The System offers hope of achieving pregnancy through NaProTECHNOLOGY, all while following the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Want more information? Introductory Sessions of the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System are held monthly (registration is required).

Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Knowledge, Teaching
Contact: Sally Zaleski, CFCP naprogal@gmail.com

Nursery

Our Nursery is open during the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses for children ages 4 and under. Located in the Ministries & Administration Building, the nursery provides a safe and nurturing environment for our youngest parishioners while parents attend Mass.

We are always happy to hear from those interested in serving as part-time Nursery Assistants for Sunday mornings.

This is a paid position, though please note that we may currently have enough staff to cover both Masses. However, we welcome inquiries for future openings or to be added to our substitute list.

Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Faith, Giving, Helps, Encouragement
Contact: Mindy McBurney 803.254.7646 ext. 423
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Order of Carmelites Discalced Secular

The Columbia, SC Good Shepherd Community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Discalced Carmelite Secular Order (OCDS) normally meets the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Gilmore Senior

Center (MAB) from 1 – 5 PM. Please email for confirmation of meeting date and directions. Meeting dates are subject to change.

The secular (or “third”) order is an association of lay persons who live according to the spirit of the Order of Discalced Carmelites, but who do not leave their secular state of life [that is, they continue to live with family and work in the world]. Our initial three-year formation program introduces candidates in depth into the teaching and writings of Sts. Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, and Thérèse of Lisieux, as well as Carmelite spirituality in general, laying a sound foundation for living a contemplative life in the world. Carmelite spirituality unites the paths of mystic (contemplative prayer) and prophet (social justice) in commitment to Christ Jesus. We welcome Roman Catholics who believe they may be called to such a vocation--to live the spirituality of Carmel and the contemplative life in the midst of the world.

Spiritual Gifts: Discernment, Encouragement, Faith, Intercession, Knowledge, Teaching, Wisdom
Contact: Christine Blake ceblake37@gmail.com

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

Our Lady's Rosary Makers is a National Rosary Makers Association out of Louisville, KY started in 1949 by Brother Sylvan Mattingly. He taught people to make rosaries in order to distribute them to missions worldwide without cost. He wanted everyone to have the opportunity to pray the Rosary daily as Our Lady of Fatima requested. October 13, 2021, was the inaugural meeting of Our Lady's Rosary Makers here at St. Joseph's. The rosaries are distributed throughout all parts of the world. Closer to home, we supply rosaries to Fort Jackson for the new recruits. They are available to anyone in the parish wanting rosaries for home/hospital ministries.

Anyone interested in learning to make cord rosaries for the missions we welcome to have you join us. We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the Gilmore Senior Center (MAB) from 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. It is a ministry that can be done at home if that is your preference.

Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism, Encouragement, Giving, Helps
Contact: Mary Bettin mbrosary@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry knit and crochet shawls, blankets, and other items for members of our parish and greater community who are in need of spiritual comfort. The handmade items are physical gifts and reminders to the recipients that they are being thought of, prayed for and cared about. All items are prayed over and blessed before being distributed. We have gifted items to parishioners who are homebound, bereaved, ill, or otherwise in spiritual need as well as to Transitions, Birthright, and hospice.

All skill levels are welcome! We generally meet once a month for fellowship and support; most crafting is done outside of meetings. Meets every 1st Thursday at 7 PM in the Parish House.

Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Evangelism, Faith, Giving, Helps, Hospitality, Shepherding
Contact: Michael Shaffer michael_peyton@hotmail.com

Scouts

St. Joseph Parish has an active Scouting program for boys and girls ages 5 - 21, as well as opportunities for adults who wish to be leaders in the Scouting programs. Many youth of the Parish and Community are active in our Scout units and ALL are invited to be part of St. Joseph's scouting units. Our Scouts maintain an active schedule of service that benefits our community including the American Legion, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Columbia Federation for the Blind, etc. (All members 18 and over are

required to undergo background checks and hold current certification in both Diocesan "Safe Haven" and Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Training.")

Cub Scout Pack 100 is for boys and girls in grades K5 - 5. Dens are separated by grade and gender and meet once or twice a month (meeting day varies by Den) and the Pack (all the Cubs + their families) meet once a month, currently on the third or fourth Sunday. For more information, please contact Carolyn Wagner, Cubmaster, at carolyndan@aol.com.

Scouts BSA Troop 100 is for boys aged 11 - 18. The Troop meets every Monday night, camps once a month, attends Summer Camp annually and frequently sends crews to high adventure bases. For more information, please contact Jeff Godby, Scoutmaster, at: jeff@superiorplumbingandgas.com.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Faith, Hospitality, Knowledge, Leadership, Shepherding, Teaching

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Senior Life

This ministry promotes service to others and provides religious experiences, recreational, educational and cultural opportunities, and community involvement. Below are several of the services and activities that Senior Life offers. Open to all parishioners 55 years and older. There is NO fee to be a member.

- Bereavement Ministry - Lends support to parishioners on the death of a family member by attending the Vigil Service (the Rosary) and/or Funeral Mass.
Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Faith, Giving
Contact: Beverly Stricklin bev29206@yahoo.com
- Bridge – Mondays from 12 - 3 PM in Ministries and Administration Building (Senior Center)
Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality
Contact: Teri Kuhs tkuhs1876@icloud.com
- Travel - Opportunities to share travel to sites of interest locally and within a reasonable bus drive
- Annual Mass and Luncheon for Seniors

- Bible Studies
- Stations of the Cross for Seniors in the Rose Garden during Lent

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Encouragement, Evangelism, Helps, Hospitality, Leadership, Shepherding
 Contact: Regina Spell rspell909@gmail.com

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides assistance to many needy families in the community by providing food and other forms of assistance when possible. Volunteers from our parish provide food through deliveries and the operation of a food pantry at the back of the Church. In 2024, the Volunteers at our food pantry helped 3,972 Families with a total of 9,849 individuals by providing food. In addition, our Volunteers delivered food to 833 families and a total of 1,027 individuals. In 2024, Volunteers helped 644 individuals and spent \$53,256 on utility assistance. Because of the overwhelming impact of Hurricane Helene on South Carolina and North Carolina, the Society spent \$21,000 on disaster relief by making contributions to local Societies that are on the ground at some of the worst hit disaster areas. The Society is able to provide this assistance through the contributions of parishioners in the form of food contributions on the first weekend of each month (the “I Care I Share” weekend), through monetary contributions in the blue envelopes distributed whenever a month has a fifth Sunday, through the Thanksgiving Food Drive by Cardinal Newman, and through the Christmas and Easter Food drives by the Knights of Columbus. In the past year, the Society has also been assisted through food drives organized by the Boy Scouts, St. Joseph Catholic School, and by private individuals. Volunteer opportunities are available to all members of the parish. The Society meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Corley Conference Room - Ministries and Administration Building, for spiritual reflections, discussions on the operation of the ministry, and socializing.

Food Pantry:

Location: Basement of the Church (Blossom Street side - rear of the building.)

Distribution Hours: 8:30 - 11:30 AM, every Wednesday

Contact: Stephen Smoak ssmoak12@icloud.com

Utilities HELP LINE:

803.799.0761 or svdp3600@gmail.com

Hours: The phone line is open on the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45 - 6:30 PM. Utility assistance is limited to Dominion Energy assistance and requires (a) we have not assisted the person in the last six (6) months, (b) the person is facing a disconnect notice and (c) the electrical service is with Dominion Energy.

After Hours: A phone message indicates if funds are available and announces the pantry hours, and the next time requests for financial aid will be taken.

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Evangelism, Faith, Giving, Helps, Hospitality, Leadership, Shepherding

Contact: Rick Gleissner, President Rick@Gleissnerlaw.com

Stephen Smoak, Vice President ssmoak12@icloud.com

Megan Seiner, Secretary mseiner@scbar.org

Matt & Jill Scarborough, Treasurer scarborough97@outlook.com

Vacation Bible School

At Vacation Bible School, kids experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life. VBS occurs during one week in the summer. Volunteers are ALWAYS welcome and needed (Teens and up!)

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Evangelism, Faith, Hospitality, Leadership, Teaching, Wisdom

Contact: Ryann Wagner, ryannswagner@gmail.com

“Women In the Middle” Bible Study

A bible study group for women navigating the middle stages of life - juggling the demands of raising elementary, middle school, or older children while managing busy professional careers. It's a season filled with constant responsibility, ongoing transitions, and often limited time for personal and spiritual growth. This group provides a space to slow down, reconnect, and be refreshed by God's Word while being surrounded by other women who truly understand the challenges and blessings of life in the middle. The group meets once a month, and we invite you to join us as we grow in faith and community together.

Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Faith, Intercession, Knowledge, Teaching, Wisdom

Contact: Elise Grant granteliseb@gmail.com

Women's Society

We are friends in faith who share the Gospel, serve the parish, community, and world; molding strong Catholic women leaders since 1948. The purpose of the Women's Society is to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. Members respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. The Women's Society is called to take an active part in the church and to strengthen and renew each member's faith. There are many opportunities to be involved and serve in our Parish, within our Diocese, and by way of outreach.

Meetings are usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month from September – May. Also, we strive to offer a variety of activities for opportunities to use our collective interests and talent areas. We welcome you to come and check us out!

Spiritual Gifts: Evangelism, Works of Mercy, Faith, Giving, Helps, Hospitality, Leadership, Administration

Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Evangelism, Faith, Giving, Helps, Hospitality, Leadership

Contact: Julie Rotureau rotureau@att.net

Youth Athletics

The Saint Joseph Youth Athletics program offers recreational level teams for Parish youth in basketball. The Basketball program runs November through February. Announcements are posted in the bulletin and in school communications.

Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality

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Youth Ministry

Mission Statement

To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, participants in the Catholic Church, and to foster their personal and spiritual growth.

Middle School

Middle School (6-8th grade ONLY) Edge Sunday Nights
Sundays, 5-7pm | Location varies | Dinner provided

Join us every Sunday where faith and fun come together in a big way! Each evening is full of games, sports, music, dinner, and honest conversations about what it means to live out our Catholic faith using the Life Teen and Edge curriculum.

Living Lit Middle School (6-8th grade ONLY) Bible Study-
Bringing the Sunday Readings to Life

6-7:30pm | Blossom House | snacks provided

Middle schoolers, this Bible study is just for you! At Living Lit, we dive into the Sunday Mass readings, unpacking Scripture,

exploring Church traditions, and discovering how God's Word connects to your everyday life.

After School Pray & Play (5th and 6th grade ONLY)-Faith in Action, Fun in Motion

3-5pm | Gym | snacks provided

This is a monthly after-school event just for 5th and 6th graders, where faith comes alive through prayer, games, and friendship building joyful community and growing in love for Christ.

High School

High School (9-12th grade ONLY) Bible Study- Real Talk

Sundays 7-8:30pm | Blossom House

Join us every Sunday for a dynamic and enriching Bible study designed specifically for high schoolers to foster authentic conversations and deeper spiritual growth. Led by enthusiastic college graduates passionate about Christ.

High School (9-12th grade ONLY) Clergy Chats

6:30-8pm | Blossom House | snacks provided

This is your space to ask real questions, talk openly about your faith, and explore topics like vocations, apologetics, and what it really means to grow as a disciple in the Church today.

Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Evangelism, Faith, Helps, Hospitality, Leadership, Shepherding, Teaching, Wisdom

Contact: Diana Von Plinsky, Director of Youth Ministry
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ST. JOSEPH CAMPUS MAP

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| ❶ Sanctuary | ❷ Rowland Education Building & Gym |
| ❸ Parking | ❹ Ministries & Administration Building |
| ❺ St. Joseph School | ❻ Blossom Street House |

