

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

## *Ministry Catalog*

Ways to use your time and talent:

### **BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY – *Betty Jones 706-790-5208***

The purpose of the Black Catholic Ministry is to educate others about our heritage and culture as it relates to the church and other cultures. In conjunction with the Diocesan office we foster and develop opportunities for Black Catholic youth to receive academic, cultural and spiritual growth. During the month of February the Black Catholic Ministry develops and hosts a special Mass and program showcasing the heritage of Black Americans. Annually the Black Catholic Ministry holds a bake sale and fish fry to raise funds to benefit causes in the community. The Ministry also does outreach by visiting the elder in nursing homes and conduct clothing drives for the needy. The Black Catholic Ministry meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month in St. Nicholas Hall at 3:00pm from September to May. If you have any questions please contact Betty Jones.

### **ALTAR LINENS – *Vickie Goetz 706-798-4588***

Volunteers rotate gathering, washing, ironing, and delivering the altar linens to the church each week. The time commitment is an average of 1-2 hours per month.

### **ALTAR SERVERS – *John Visintainer 706-796-7455***

Boys and girls middle through high school age assist the priest at Mass. Training is required before serving, and classes are held once per year in early summer. Time commitment is to serve 1-2 times per month.

### **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE – *Flo Morris 706-798-1810***

Greeting and feeding families of those who have funerals at the parish. Time commitments vary based on need, on average only 1-2 hours per month.

### **CANTORS – *Dan Funsch 706-793-5688***

Trained vocalists who lead the congregation in sung prayer. The cantor commits to 4-8 hours per month in special rehearsal and singing for Masses, Holy Days, funerals, and other times as needed. Audition required.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – *Sister Isabelle Lohan 706-798-1920***

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered for children between the ages of 4 and 10 who attend the 11:00 am Sunday Mass from September to May. The purpose of adapting the liturgy for this age group is to gradually lead the children to participate more consciously and actively in the Sunday liturgy. If you would like to help with the ministry please contact Sister Isabelle.

### **11:00 AM MASS CHOIR – *Dan Funsch 706-793-5688***

Choir rehearses Sundays 9:45–10:45 am in the church. Choir sings at 11 AM Mass and meets August-June with a break for summer. All voices and levels of skill are invited to join.

**CURSILLO / KAIROS Retreats – Gene Lefort 706-771-0343**

Cursillo is a weekend-long spiritual retreat for adults offered several times per year. There is a prerequisite for serving in the Kairos Ministry. Kairos is a retreat model ministry for our imprisoned brothers and sisters, much like a Cursillo. Volunteers are always welcome.

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – Parish Office Staff 706-798-1920**

Decoration and floral care in the church building, needed weekly and for several hours at holiday times (Christmas and Easter, Confirmation, First Communion, etc.). Times vary based on volunteers' schedules, averaging 1-2 hours per month.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION –  
Deacon James Lloyd 706-771-1134**

Parishioners approved by the Bishop to assist at Mass in the distribution of the Holy Eucharist. An application, approval, and training are required to serve. Time commitment is at least one Mass per month, and additionally as needed.

**GOSPEL CHOIR – Betty Jones 706-790-5208**

This is an all-inclusive choir. You do not have to be a singer to join the choir just come and blend your voice for the glory of God. Sing a one mass a month from September through May.

**HOMEBOUND MAILING MINISTRY – Catherine Kennedy 706-798-1920**

Sends greetings and news to homebound parishioners. Average time commitment is less than two hours per month.

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – Janice Mousseau 706-798-1920**

Hosts hospitality events including annual picnics, receptions, and parties. Welcome newcomers, and greet visitors. Time commitment will vary, approximately 2 hours per month.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – David Marrero 254-383-3816**

Men's benevolent organization: fellowship, fundraisers, charitable works, and support of the parish. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month year around from 7pm–9pm in St. Michael Social Hall. Time commitment varies based on need and schedule, average 2 hours per month. Check out the Knight's Facebook page at Knights of Columbus Council 13437, St. Joseph the Worker.

**LECTOR MINISTRY – Deacon James Lloyd 706-771-1134**

Skilled readers who proclaims the Scripture at weekly Masses. Training is required before beginning. Time requirement varies based on the monthly published schedule.

**MASTER'S FOOD TABLE (SOUP KITCHEN) – Sister Isabelle Lohan 706-798-1920**

The Master's Food Table Soup Kitchen located at 842 Fenwick Street (situated between Augusta's Main Post Office and Walton Way) serves lunch from 11:00am to 12:30pm every day of the month to the hungry and homeless of the Augusta community. St. Joseph's Volunteer group serves on the second Friday of the month starting at 8:30am with food preparation then cooks or heats up prepared food along with setting up the serving line. If you would like to help

in this very rewarding and enjoyable service please contact Sister Isabelle. “...for I was hungry and you gave me food...” Matthew 25:35

**MONEY COUNTERS – Catherine Kennedy 706-798-1920**

Men and women who commit 2-8 hours per month counting the collections and funds for the church. Accounting acumen and strict confidentiality is required of any volunteers. Money Counters meet Monday mornings from 8:15-10:30 in the parish office.

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) – Sister Isabelle Lohan 706-798-1920**

For children: Religious Education instruction ages 4 through high school. Meets Sundays, Sept. - May from 9:35-10:50 am in St. Nicholas Hall. Teachers, aides, and clerical help are needed. Time commitment is approximately two hours per week through the school year, and occasional day-long educational sessions for teachers.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL – Chairperson: Jonathan Von Plinsky 706-799-1500**

The Pastoral Council of St. Joseph Catholic Church is the representative of and the liaison between the parish-at-large and the pastoral staff. The main purpose of the council is a consultative role in the decision-making processes of the parish. The Pastor, by virtue of his priestly office and canonical mission, retains the ultimate decision-making responsibility within the parish. The council meets once a month (usually the second Wednesday) from September – June. During the spring of the year Pastoral Council holds nominations for those interested in serving the parish in this way. Requirements for nomination are active, practicing members of the parish who are at least 18 years of age and in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. The term of service is two years with the possibility of another two year term with the maximum consecutive period of four years. If you have any questions please contact Jonathan Von Plinsky.

**PRAYER CHAIN – Carol Bernard 706-790-8073**

Volunteers who pray regularly for the needs of our parish family. All that is needed is a telephone, a love for God and His people, and a commitment to pray daily. Prayer requests are passed on to prayer chain members by telephone.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Catherine Kennedy 706-798-1920**

Maintenance and repair of the buildings and grounds. Time commitment starts at one hour per month. All skilled and willing workers are welcome.

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC WOMEN –  
President: Petie Lockwood 706-798-6308**

Hosts the annual International Tasters Dinner, receptions, Day of Reflection, and several other events throughout the year. Meetings held: 1st Saturday of each month August through May.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – *Janice Mousseau 706-798-1920***

Help with annual Stewardship Renewal, picnics, hospitality, communications, and parish-wide retreats. Monthly meetings and tasks require approximately 2 hours per month, although times will vary based on need.

**USHERS – *Frenchie Savoy 706-339-5135***

Welcome, greet, and seat parish members and visitors at all Masses and Holy Days. Assist at Mass with collections and church clean-up.

**YOUTH MINISTRY – *706-798-1920***

Young adults 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Time commitment varies depending on schedule. Adult volunteers are always needed and welcomed.