

Time for a fishing trip!

AKA: Discernment AKA:
Using your God given gifts to help the parish
fulfill the mission statement
“to love, to serve and to be hope”

It's time to fish for those of you who would like to have a role in the life of this parish. The councils are: Life Stages Spirituality; Caring Ministry; Fun & Fellowship; Faith in Action; Worship; Stewardship and the Parish Leadership Council. The Councils meet on the first Thursday of every month to assist Father Tim and the staff with planning, prioritizing and fulfilling our mission statement and values. There will be an evening scheduled once we are able to get together again to give you an opportunity to hear from a member of each council to see if one interests you.

This will be an information session; you are NOT expected to make any decisions at that time.

If you would like additional information about either of these councils or any of our councils, please contact Kadee or me and we will put you in contact with the appropriate council member.

If you have any questions please email Kadee Ruhland at kruhland@edenpr.org or Kevin Magyar at kevinm@stbeagan.org.

ONE: The Worship Council

The Worship Council seeks to aid the parish community in liturgies that create prayerful experiences as we come together to hear God's word proclaimed, made relevant for us in the homily and then to share the body and blood of Christ in Eucharist, in order that we may share the life of Christ with others.

In 2019-2020 we worked on the sound survey, and we sponsored reflections on the readings after the 9:00 Mass on Sunday; we also began to look at ministries, especially the ministry of greeters. Next year we look forward to implementing ways to bring the parish the parish back to worship in our normal worship space during the time of Covid 19 and to provide experiences for those times when we cannot be back as a full church in our space.

TWO: Fun and Fellowship

The Fun and Fellowship Council strives to reinforce the St. Thomas Becket Mission Statement focus on creating a welcoming Catholic community for all who enter through the doors. We seek to provide opportunities for all to feel personally welcome to participate in parish social events as well as activities required to keep the building and grounds a beautiful and peaceful place to worship. The Fun and Fellowship Council sponsors several ongoing and annual events to keep the community alive and active. These events include ongoing activities to foster relationships between all members of the church family as well as monthly activities to support seasonal celebrations or annual traditions.

Some of these events include the Fall Festival, Holy Happy Hour and Adult Christmas Party events, the Cana Dinner, Family events like March Mini Golf Madness, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Mother's Day Flower Planting, and Breakfast with St. Nicholas.

The Fun and Fellowship Council is also actively involved in keeping our worship space and grounds maintained.

We provide support for indoor plant care as well as routine and seasonal exterior grounds, plant, and lawn care. Do you want to be involved in the fun?

THREE: Caring Council

The Caring Council prayerfully extends the love of Christ in service to all people of the St. Thomas Becket family, and to our larger community as well. We provide physical, spiritual, and emotional support to meet individual needs.

Some of the ministries under the Caring Council include:

- Communion Ministry to Senior Living Facilities
- Homebound Funeral Ministry
- Prayer Line
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Sunshine Senders
- Depression Coalition
- Growing through Loss
- Blood Drives
- Remembrance Mass
- Anointing Services

One of our biggest accomplishments this year was reaching out to all parishioners over 75 years old during the COVID-19 pandemic. We asked if they had support, needed food delivered, or had any prayer requests.

A goal for the upcoming year is to create a new ministry to reach out to potentially isolated individuals. We will also continue to discuss the feasibility of a Health Ministry.

FOUR: Stewardship Council Member

Position Description Stewardship Definition: As Catholic stewards we are called to acknowledge God as giver of all that we have; accept God's gifts gratefully; nurture all we have been given wisely and responsibly; and share our gifts with others in justice and love, for the glory of God.

Title: Stewardship Council Member

Purpose of Position:

The purpose of a council member is to be an advocate for stewardship in our parish.

Connection to Parish Mission Statement:

By building a culture of stewardship we help members to use their gifts of time, talent and financial resources to carry out our mission of loving, serving, and being hope to others.

Responsibilities:

Attend bi-monthly meetings: first and third Thursday evening of each month. (First Thursday includes supper starting at 5:45pm; third Thursday start time is 7:00 pm.) Invite parishioners into active participation in ministries through the use of their gifts. Complete action steps as required to meet goals.

Helpful Gifts/Qualifications/ Special Requirements:

Passion for being a disciple of Jesus Openness to deepening one's knowledge of what stewardship means; and desire to assist in growing the culture of the parish to this end. Good communication and listening skills Positive attitude toward parish and its ministries

Amount of Time Required:

One or two monthly meetings, as required, approximately 2-4 hours a month 1-2 additional hours a month flexible time to complete action steps. Attendance at parish leadership special meetings as requested by pastor.

Length of Commitment: 1-year renewable annually

Support Provided: 30-minute meeting with Judy Urban for orientation;

Ongoing help available from staff person Karen Maza, Judy Urban, and members of the committee. Responsible to: parish staff and chair Judy Urban (651-440-4148)

FIVE: Life Stages Spirituality Council

Our Council Vision:

We, the Catholic Community of St. Thomas Becket, believe that God is found in everyday life, and that faith and life are inseparable. We aspire to nurture people at all Life Stages, support the development of the whole person and foster a call to prayer and Christian service. In addition to faith-centered, classroom learning, we will create innovative opportunities for online learning, mentoring, outreach and the discovery of each person's God given gifts.

Our Life Stages:

- Early Childhood
- School Age
- Adolescence / Teens
- Young Adult
- Adulthood
- Middle Age
- Mature Adult

A Life Stages Spirituality council member would be asked to:

- Provide insight into the challenges and needs of a particular life stage – communicate what's needed
- Provide feedback and direction into the types, times, frequency & platform of programming appealing to a particular life stage – communicate the best way to fulfill needs
- Assist prioritization of needs and interests across all life stages – help juggle the needs of all

A Life Stages Spirituality council member would NOT be asked to:

- To be Catholic theology experts; we have resources and staff for that.
- To have all the answers or have it all together; you wouldn't represent anyone.
- To develop or select curriculum; we have resources and staff for that.
- To have an 'agenda' for your life stage; we juggle the needs of all life stages.

Our Invitation:

We are looking for men, women and teens who can represent the needs of their life stage on our quest to become the people God created us to be.