



ST. PATRICK PARISH MINISTRY DIRECTORY



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At St. Patrick Catholic Parish and School, we believe that a key way we live out our relationship with Jesus in a life of discipleship is by giving of ourselves through our time, talent, and treasure. There are many needs and opportunities, and we prayerfully ask every active member to discern how they are called to serve.

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL (Carley Dunphey)

St. Patrick School offers values-driven families an authentic Catholic education so that they can encounter God's love and their children have a steady place to discover their God-given purpose.

- Mom's Club (Karen Law)
The St. Patrick School Mom's Club is for mothers of St. Patrick Catholic School Students and hosts social outings, book clubs, and service opportunities.
- Dad's Club (Frank Law)
The St. Patrick School Dad's Club is for fathers of St. Patrick Catholic School Students and provides service opportunities along with hosting two of the largest community events for the parish: Lenten Fish Frys and our annual Oktoberfest.
- SAC
The School Advisory Council (SAC) exists to advise and provide support to St Patrick School as requested by the principal. Using their professional expertise and personal commitment to the health of the school, members of the SAC dedicate their time, talent, and counsel to chair Committees that will assist the school in fulfilling its mission of educating and forming the next generation of Catholic leaders.

PARISH LIFE (Meghan Fiebelkorn)

Welcome Ministry (Eileen Denhard)

The St. Patrick Welcome Ministry exists to foster an environment of radical hospitality and belonging at St. Patrick Catholic Parish with a special focus on visitors and newly registered parishioners.

- **Welcome Events (Christina Klebba)**
 - **Welcome Dinners** - Welcome dinners are hosted by St. Patrick twice annually for those newly registered within the parish.
 - **Welcome Desk** - The Welcome Desk is staffed by parish volunteers before and after each Sunday Mass to extend hospitality and provide parish information to those coming to the Church for Mass, whether visitors or parishioners.
- **St. Patrick Homeschool Group (Marianne Curtis)**

The St. Patrick Homeschool Group exists to support families of St. Patrick in the home education of their children. Primarily meeting offsite, occasional prayer and social gatherings are held at the parish.
- **American Heritage Girls (Heather Thompson)**

The AHG Program is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. AHG girls across the nation and the globe participate in badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities, and outdoor experiences, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement. Troops are open to all girls ages 5-18 and the St. Patrick troop meets at our grouping parish, Holy Spirit, in Brighton on Monday evenings. For more information, contact troop leader Heather Thompson at charliesangel@snet.net

CHRISTIAN SERVICE & OUTREACH (Kim Kaye)

Christian Service and Outreach Ministries at St. Patrick exist for us to live out our discipleship calling to serve those in need as well as to provide opportunities for members of the community to experience the love of God at St. Pat's.

- **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** (Dan Burress)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide organization of lay Catholics, following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived. The St. Patrick Chapter trains volunteers who then meet weekly to assist those in need.

- **Walking with Moms in Need** (Nicole Doyle)

Walking with Moms in Need is an initiative created and supported by the US Catholic Bishops as a process through which Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Here at St. Patrick, service opportunities are available for people willing to assist with material support and guiding parents to resources.

- **Embrace Grace** (Alanha Asher & Sarah Hibbler)

Embrace Grace is a 12-week discipleship session held at St. Patrick for expectant parents in need culminating in a parish-hosted baby shower. Together, we can ensure no single mom or dad has to walk alone.

- **Befrienders** (Phyllis Balmforth) befrienderministry.org/

BeFriender Ministry is organized by a national, ecumenical non-profit organization that provides leadership training and ongoing support for a listening ministry of care and support in churches (especially funerals), hospitals, senior living communities. St. Patrick BeFrienders is open to any parishioners willing to be trained and attend periodic meetings.

- **Council of Catholic Women** (Ginny Reynolds) nccw.org/

The St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women offers spiritual, leadership and service opportunities to women of the parish. All women of the parish are invited to join at any time. The Council meets monthly and is responsible for the care of the sanctuary, hosting funeral luncheons, and other forms of service.

- **Knights of Columbus** (Steve Schafer)

The Knights of Columbus are men who lead, serve, protect and defend, whether we are giving out Coats for Kids, lending a hand in disaster relief efforts, supporting local pregnancy centers by donating ultrasound machines. St. Patrick Council 7304 meets monthly and is open to Catholic men age 18 and older.

- **Fish & Loaves** (Jenny Shaw & Ron Garrison)

Fish & Loaves is a free community dinner every Sunday evening at various churches in Livingston County. St. Patrick hosts dinners bi-monthly. Fish & Loaves is a ministry of Love in The Name of Christ and part of a Livingston County network of food outreach.

- **Giving Tree/Adopt a Family** (Linda Lavelly & Jackie Curtis)

The Advent Giving Tree is a parish-led outreach giving support to local families and charities during the Advent Season. Volunteers assist with assembling lists of needs, and purchasing and distributing gifts.

- **Parish Game Nights** (Cynthia & Jacob Morrida)

St. Patrick Parish Game Nights are a social ministry offering an evening of pizza, salad and board games. They are open to everyone for connection and fellowship. Held monthly on Friday evenings during the school year.

- **12-Step Support Groups** (Kim Kaye)

- Meetings for those struggling with addiction and the people who love them. AA, Al Anon, Naranon, etc. More information on the parish website.

- Speciality group that follows Catholic In Recovery encourages participants to prepare for and celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation and communion.

- **Love, Inc Transportation Ministry** (Cathy Britz)
The Love, Inc Transportation Ministry at St. Patrick provides rides to various appointments for those in need.

- **Flint Center for Hope** (Mary Pelton)
St. Patrick supports the Flint Center for Hope's Community Closet. Through the Center's Community Closet, people can receive personal needs items such as toothpaste, shampoo, diapers, formula, and toilet paper, as well as gently used clothing (for all ages) and household goods. We provide help to our Flint brothers and sisters in need by focusing on a different item each month to help replenish this Community Closet.

- **Gleaners** (Kim Kaye & Sandra Muldowney)
The St Patrick Gleaners Outreach Ministry supports Gleaners by coordinating food donations from the parish and by hosting two food drives each year.

- **Bountiful Harvest** (Kim Kaye)
Bountiful Harvest is a Livingston County food pantry that is a non-profit organization run completely by volunteers. With support from the local community and food banks, we are able to provide groceries, meals, clothing and access to employment agencies to people in need.

- **St. Al's Sandwich** (Gail French)
This ministry makes sandwiches and delivers them to Detroit's St. Aloysius Street Ministry, which serves homeless individuals from the area. Different teams meet each week at the Parish Life Center kitchen on Wednesday mornings to assemble meat and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

- **Brush Benders** (Kathy Lynn)
Brush Benders is a fellowship of creative people that meet to support projects and solidify Christian friendships. They also host informal presentations of sacred art.

- **Respect Life** (Sharon & Jay Gross)
St. Patrick Respect Life is a parishioner led group dedicated to supporting all life from conception through natural death. Meetings are held monthly to plan outreach and fundraising efforts.
- **Grandparents Prayer Group** (Judy Trudeau)
The Grandparents Group meets for morning Mass on the second Monday of the month, followed by a time of sharing and fellowship in McCann Hall. We end with a Grandparents Rosary in the Chapel.
- **Serving Irish** (Kim Lamb)
St. Patrick Serving Irish is a service group for parishioners willing to serve area residents with projects that include small or big chores (delivery of a meal, watching a pet, driving to Mass, and home visiting are some of the services provided.
- **Grief to New Hope** (Joe Lawless)
This ministry connects people experiencing grief with local and regional opportunities for support.
- **Human Trafficking Ministry** (Christina Galloway)
The Human Trafficking Ministry strives to offer opportunities of prayer and awareness in the community. St. Patrick parish currently participates in the Rest Area Label Project, raises awareness within our community through speakers, bulletin and website articles, and runs fundraisers collecting needed items to help organizations that work directly with victims.
- **Widow/Widowers Support Group** (Julie Amman & Cathy Britz)
The Widow/Widowers Group leads people deeper into intimacy with Jesus through fellowship with believers, social events off site, and Bible study after daily Mass once per week.
- **Divine Mercy Prayer Group** (Joan Hayes)
Prayer group that meets after daily Mass once per month for support and prayers.

- **Prelude Homes** (Carrie Hastings)
Parishioner lead outreach seeking to establish a group home for older women in need of housing.
- **Next Chapter- Job Search Support** (Michael Ebaugh)
Designed to provide encouragement, search strategies, and a new way of thinking about your direction in the world of work or ministry. Led by a 25 year former leader in Talent and Organizational Development. The group will meet twice per month on Thursdays at 9:15am at church, lower level classroom.

FINANCE & FACILITIES (Ryan Nardozzi)

The Finance and Facilities Offices ensure the proper stewardship of parish resources.

- **Finance Council** (Michael Demeyere)
Ensure the parish is being good stewards of financial gifts and assist the pastor in financial decisions.
- **Security Team** (Ryan Nardozzi)
Parishioners who serve by helping develop a robust emergency action plan to ensure safety in all areas of the parish.
- **General Office Volunteers** (Christina Klebba)
General office volunteers assist the parish front office with administrative tasks and mailings as needed.
- **Gardening Angels** (Karen Rottinghaus)
St. Patrick Gardening Angels are responsible for promoting beauty through the care and keeping of parish gardens and landscaping. Volunteers seasonally plant, water, weed, and trim.
- **St. Isidore Society** (Noah Allen)
The St. Isidore Society assists the maintenance crew with groundskeeping and general handyman tasks.

ADULT & YOUTH FORMATION & DISCIPLESHP (Anne Guminik & Kevin Bailey)

St. Patrick Catholic Parish provides various opportunities for adults and youth to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and grow as his disciples.

- **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** (Anne Guminik)
OCIA is the process, best described as a journey, into the Catholic church. It offers guided opportunities for conversion, community and lifelong discipleship as the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith are presented.
 - **OCIA Hospitality Team** - Hospitality is the kind and generous welcoming of guests. Our OCIA hospitality team prepares and serves a continental breakfast once a month to all those attending our Sunday morning sessions following the 9:30 Mass. We meet during the months of October through May.
 - **OCIA Sponsors** - The OCIA process requires every inquirer to have a sponsor. Sponsors serve as companions on the journey, not teachers. They guide, support and welcome candidates into the parish community by inviting or accompanying them to parish events, liturgies and social gatherings. They are encouraged to attend the scheduled catechetical sessions as they are able and be present for the various liturgical rites and the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. There are opportunities for both the Sunday morning (October through May) or Thursday evening sessions (August through November). As representatives of the church, sponsors must be 16+ years of age, confirmed and in good standing as a member of the Catholic church.
- **Alpha** (Diane Trujillo)
Alpha helps create a space for honest conversation around some of life's biggest questions. It is designed to provide guests with an opportunity to connect with one another while providing the opportunity to share thoughts, ideas, and opinions in a safe and caring environment. Table hosts, and hospitality teams assist each session.

- **CCO** (Anne DeChavez and Anne Finn)
Catholic Christian Outreach Faith Studies proclaim the Good News of Jesus and equip individuals to walk out their faith in their everyday lives. Small groups meet weekly for a successive series of 6-week sessions. CCO commissions disciples “to go and make disciples of all nations” (Matt 28:18), fulfilling their baptismal promise.
- **Walking with Purpose** (Emily Jorgensen)
Walking with Purpose is a women’s ministry with a mission of helping every Catholic woman in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies. WWP Bible studies involve personal study and small group discussions that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. There are weekly meetings and an annual retreat.
- **That Man is You** (Kevin Bailey and Adam Bishop)
That Man is You honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. Meetings are held once a week.
- **Young Adult Bible Studies** (Olivia Tziedes)
Young adults gather weekly at the parish to connect and study God’s word.
- **Outpouring** (Kevin Bailey)
Offered twice annually, Outpouring is a parish event praying for more of the Holy Spirit, a greater awareness of God’s presence, and to grow in his love. The evening features praise and worship music, testimonies, a short teaching, and individual prayer ministry.
- **Restored** (Teresa Stovall)
Restored invites people into deeper intimacy with Jesus through adoration, praise, worship and testimonies offered the second Saturday of each month in the evening.

- **Marriage & Family Task Force** (Heather Dent)
The Marriage and Family Task Force supports marriage and family life at St. Patrick by offering formation opportunities for engaged and married couples and planning social events along with the annual Marriage Celebration Dinner.
- **Divorce Ministry** (Jennifer Wierowski)
The Divorce Ministry exists to support St. Patrick parishioners who have experienced the pain of divorce. Meetings consist of opportunities to grow with one another in discipleship and Christian friendship.
- **Religious Education Catechists & Catechist Aids**
Catechists assist in the religious formation of youth during weekly religious education classes and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Catechists for CGS undergo special training to be able to lead in the classroom, while aides assist the lead catechists.
- **Young Church Core Team** (Marissa Dawson)
The Young Church Core Team is a group of adults who minister to middle school and high school students through our parish youth ministry, Young Church. Core Team members walk alongside youth on the path of discipleship while assisting the Coordinator of Youth Discipleship in planning and leading Sunday evening youth nights.
- **Young Church Intercessors** (Marissa Dawson)
A team of intercessors who are dedicated to praying, by name, for the youth of our parish.

LITURGICAL & MUSIC MINISTRIES

(Carlene Demers & Stephen Royal)

The Liturgical and Music Ministries promote and facilitate reverent and beautiful liturgies at St. Patrick as we worship the Lord in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

- **Lectors**

The lector is instituted to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture at Mass, with the exception of the Gospel. He/she may also announce the intentions for the Universal Prayer and, in the absence of a psalmist, recite the Psalm between the readings.

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass**

The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is trained and authorized to assist priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. An extraordinary minister functions when a sufficient number of ordinary ministers (priests and deacons) is not present.

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound is a ministry dedicated to bringing the Eucharist to those who cannot attend Sunday Mass for a period of time due to age, serious illness, or long-term recovery from surgery.

- **Ushers**

Ushers serve the Church by welcoming people to worship, tending to their needs, helping them find a seat, assisting with gathering the collection, assisting with emergencies, and bidding worshippers farewell when the Mass concludes.

- **Sacristans**

Sacristans are liturgical ministers responsible for the care and placement of all the sacred objects and other items needed in the celebration of the liturgy, including vestments and vessels, and supplies of candles, hosts, and wine.

- **Altar Linen Ministry**

The Altar Linen Ministry cares for the sacred linens on a rotating schedule. They are properly trained on how to care for these special linens that contain the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This ministry is made up of team members who, behind the scenes in their own homes, reverently launder and care for the purificators and corporals used on the altar at Mass.

- **Art and Environment**

The Art & Environment Ministry is called to serve the parish in preparing an environment with all the elements of worship, ensuring that the total environment is appropriate, authentic, beautiful and accessible. This ministry has the knowledge and understanding of the sacraments, the Catholic rites, the Liturgical Year of Seasons and Feasts, and the devotional life of the people.

- **St. Patrick Music Ministries**

Contact Stephen Royal: sroyal@stpatchurch.org

Note: All choirs and teams unite in song and praise for seasonal concerts.

- **Sound Crew** - The St. Patrick Sound Crew is trained to set up sound equipment and engage with the new Simoni sound system and digital Allen and Heath SQ mixer, and eventually be responsible to balance the sounds of priests, deacons, readers, and musicians during all Masses. New crew members will receive training by John Cristiano, and will be scheduled on a rotating basis.
- **Saturday 5:00 PM Worship Team** - The Saturday 5:00 Ensemble leads congregation in worship September through Pentecost Sunday (or longer). This ensemble provides contemporary versions of traditional hymns and the current praise and worship music. Rehearsals are 6:30 PM on Wednesdays. There are two rotating teams. These are auditioned groups.
- **Monthly Saturday 7:30 PM Restored** - The "Restored" Team leads praise and worship for Adoration with the Eucharist on the second Saturday of every month. Musicians lead with planned songs and spontaneous worship in the Spirit.

- **Sunday 9:30 AM Traditional Choir** -The Traditional Choir leads the congregation in traditional hymnody and some chant at the Sunday 9:30 Mass. The choir sings two or three choral anthems along with liturgical responses for each Sunday, September to Pentecost Sunday, with an emphasis on traditional and classical music. Midweek rehearsals are in the church on Thursdays, 7:00 PM, with sectionals at 8:00 – 8:30 PM. Bi-yearly parties and singing at other venues is included. Sunday rehearsals are in the chapel at 9:00 AM for warm-ups and run through. This is not an auditioned group.
- **Sunday 9:30 AM Hand Bell Choirs** - Hand Bells should begin in the Fall, 2023
- **Sunday 11:30 AM Worship Team** - The Sunday 11:30 Contemporary Ensemble leads the parish in worship with contemporary praise and worship music. Instrumentalists play guitars, bass, keyboards, and drums. Instrumentalists are required to read or improvise with chord charts in coordination with the rest of the group. Singers often sing 2 and 3-part harmony by ear as the Worship Leader leads the congregation. Rehearsals are currently 7:30 PM on Tuesdays. Contact Martin Doman at martinjdoman@gmail.com, or Stephen Royal at sroyal@stpatchurch.org.
- **Sunday 5:00 PM Solemn Novus Ordo Mass** (Stephen Royal) - At every Sunday 5:00 PM Mass, skilled cantors from the University of Michigan school of music and other local parishes sing Gregorian chant, traditional hymns, and the Propers with antiphons.
- **St. Patrick School Middle School Cantors** - Middle School cantors, grades 7 and 8, sing in groups of six for every Friday 10 AM school Masses (in the school gym) and a few weekend Masses in the church. Songs are usually contemporary Christian songs that fit the Liturgical Year, but they also sing well-known traditional hymns and some Gregorian chant.
- **St. Patrick Children's Choir** - The children's choir sings a few times a year for special Holy Days. It is open to grades K - 8.

- **Cantors, Psalmists, and Worship Leaders** - Cantors, Psalmists, and Worship Leaders lead the congregation in sung prayer, both meditatively and with the intention of prayerfully engaging the Presence of God in our midst. Cantors lead the congregation with hymns/songs and the ordinaries. Psalmists sing the psalm from the ambo. Psalmists and Cantors sing with organ/piano at Sunday 7:45 AM, 9:30 AM, and 5:00 PM Masses. Psalmists and Cantors rehearse midweek and 30 minutes before Mass time or with scheduled choir/ensemble. Worship Leaders lead the congregation as cantors do; however, they are also responsible for recruiting and rehearsing musicians, planning music, prayer and mentoring, and working effectively with the sound crew and clean up crew.
- **Instrumentalists & Soloists** - Instrumentalists and Vocal Soloists are encouraged to offer their talents for Sundays and Holy Days. Musicians will be accepted on audition and/or personal references. Graduate students and other recitalists play on Holy Days and help prepare an annual concert series.

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