

Stewardship of Service



St. John
THE Baptist
CATHOLIC PARISH

**“Stewardship is what I do after I say,
‘I believe’.”**

—Bishop Robert Morneau

STEWARDSHIP

Mindful of our baptismal calling, we reflect on the blessings God has lovingly bestowed on us. We all have gifts. St. Peter reminds us of that in 1 Peter 4:10: “Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourself at the service of others.”

Stewardship is a way of life for a disciple of Christ. “Becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ leads naturally to the practice of stewardship... discipleship and stewardship...make up the fabric of a Christian life.” We ask that you prayerfully consider what gifts you have been given by God and get involved.

Review the pages of this booklet. You will see a general list of ministry areas followed by pages with longer descriptions. Prayerfully consider which areas your gifts may bless our parish community. Please contact Ruth Holloway (920-434-2145, ext. 209, or rholloway@sjbh.org) in the Parish Office to get connected to a group. Being a steward permeates everything we do; in what we say and how we act. It is infused in our prayer and relationship with Jesus.

THE WYOMING PRAYER

*Lord, help me to do Your will. Nothing more, nothing less.
Lord, help me to do Your will. Not a moment sooner,
not a moment later, than You will it.*

—Bishop David Ricken

SERVICE MINISTRIES

Please contact Ruth Holloway (920-434-2145, ext. 209, or rholloway@sjbh.org) to get involved.

Administrative Work

- SC RIP sales
- Taking minutes at committee meetings

Artistic Talent

- Art and Environment—Church
- Graphic Design
- Mission Sewing Group
- Photography
- Plant Care (inside church)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry

Craftsmanship

- Buildings & Grounds Committee
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Grounds Beautification/
Gardening
- Masonry
- Plumbing

Helping Others

- Babysitting Volunteer for Parish Events*
- Baker for Parish or Youth Events
- Before/After School Supervision*
- Children's Busy Bags
- Coach Sports Team—School*
- Communion to Assisted Living*
- Communion to the Sick & Homebound*
- Funeral Luncheon Volunteer
- Greeter
- Helping Hands*
- Knights of Columbus
- Laundry Love Brown County*
- Library Volunteer—School*
- Lunchroom Volunteer—School*
- Mission Sewing Group
- Noon Playground Supervisor*
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- RCIA/OCIA Sponsor
- Social Concerns Committee
- St. John the Baptist Catholic Women
- Youth Ministry Speaker*

Hospitality

- Forerunners Team
- Greeter
- Helping Hands*
- New Member Experience Team
- Usher

IT/Technology

- Audio/Visual
- IT Support

Leadership

- Adult Small Group Facilitator
- Bible Study Facilitator
- Booster Club—School*
- Buildings & Grounds Committee
- Churchtime Leader*
- Coach Sports Team—School*
- Finance Committee
- Forerunners Team
- Parish Trustee
- Pastoral Council
- Site Advisory Committee—School*
- Youth Ministry—Adult Volunteer*

Mass Ministries

- Altar Server
- Art and Environment—Church
- Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
- Greeter
- Lector
- Usher

Music Ministry

- Children's Choir
- Instrumentalist
- Living Waters Choir
- Men's Choir
- Pianist
- Resurrection Choir (Funeral Choir)
- Small Group Singer
- Youth Choir

Prayer

- 31 Club
- Altar Server
- Christ Renews His Parish Welcome Weekend
- Communion to Assisted Living*
- Communion to the Sick & Homebound*
- Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
- Lector
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- That Man Is You
- Women's Bible Study

Serving the Community

- Feed My Starving Children
- Laundry Love Brown County*
- Mission Sewing Group
- Social Concerns Committee

Sharing Your Faith

- 31 Club
- Adult Small Group Facilitator
- Bible Study Leader
- Christ Renews His Parish Welcome Weekend
- Churchtime Leader*
- Churchtime Volunteer*
- Communion to Assisted Living*
- Communion to the Sick & Homebound*
- Faith Formation Catechist/Mentor*
- RCIA/OCIA Sponsor
- Serenity Bereavement Group
- SJB Charismatic Prayer Group
- That Man Is You
- Women's Bible Study
- Youth Ministry—Adult Volunteer*

Teaching and Instruction

- Bible Study Facilitator
- Christ Renews His Parish Welcome Weekend
- Churchtime Leader*
- Churchtime Volunteer*
- Faith Formation Catechist/Mentor*
- Faith Formation Catechist Aide*
- Faith Formation Catechist—Substitute*
- Library Volunteer—School*
- Youth Ministry Adult Volunteer*

*VIRTUS is an education program utilized by the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay to raise awareness and prevent sexual abuse in our Church and society. VIRTUS training is required of all parish employees and volunteers who interact with our youth and elderly in our school and through various parish ministries.

SERVICE MINISTRIES

31 Club

This group's purpose is to develop an awareness of the need for more priests and how special it is to have priests emerge from St. John the Baptist Parish. You may sign up in the church narthex. The 31 Club attends an additional Mass each month with the sole purpose of praying for vocations. There are no regular meetings. All are welcome to join. See also Vocations Ministry.

Administrative Help

An opportunity to learn more about a committee or council is to take the minutes/notes for the monthly meeting.

Adult Small Group Facilitator

Our small group facilitators make it possible for everyone who attends one of our parish programs to have a positive experience with small groups. Small group facilitators work with groups of 8–10 people and lead them through the discussion questions.

Small group facilitators have the following strengths:

- A positive and encouraging demeanor
- A willingness to learn from and with others
- Deep listening skills
- Comfort with many different types of diversity
- Ability to adhere to timelines and specific instructions

Altar Server

Altar servers must have received their First Eucharist and are in 4th grade or above, possess a respect for worship, an ability to learn procedures, and assist at Mass.

Art and Environment Ministry

Help decorate the church for liturgical seasons. You will be contacted regarding dates and times.

Babysitting Volunteer*

Volunteer to babysit during parish events. If you are 18 or older, VIRTUS training is required.

Bakers for New Members and Parish Events

Bakers donate two plates of homemade bakery throughout the year. Contacted on a rotating basis.

Bible Study Leader

This requires a willingness to organize and facilitate a Bible study. Books or video series are chosen that fit a leader's comfort level with Scripture. Studies are either seasonal or year-round programs.

Booster Club

This group supports physical activities for students and parishioners, including the school's physical education program and extracurricular sports program. Help is needed for fundraising, coaching, and other activities at games.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Use your knowledge of construction, electrical, plumbing, or building trades to help maintain the church campus. The committee meets monthly for two hours. Other work depends on the project and the time you have available.

Children's Busy Bags

The Busy Bags are a great success! We need help maintaining them each week. Would you have 30–45 minutes after 10:00 AM Mass or on a Monday morning? We will show you what needs to be done.

Children's Summer Programming Volunteer*

St. John's encourages families to stay involved in their faith over the summer. We offer one-day and week-long authentically Catholic children's programs that include educational lessons, activities, games, crafts, snacks, songs, and fun! We need adult and youth volunteers at the various stations to make the programs run smoothly.

*Must be VIRTUS trained

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Christ Renews His Parish Welcome Weekend

This experience brings participants together as a Christian community and is centered on sacraments with a clear focus on the Gospel. The retreat weekend provides parish renewal, furthering conversion and community, ministry and prayer, healing and holiness, spiritual growth, and Gospel service.

Churchtime Leader*

Share your faith with 4-year-olds through first graders during the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Lesson plans and guidance provided. Involves one hour per week on a rotating schedule.

Churchtime Youth Volunteer

An excellent opportunity for parish youth (6th graders and older) to earn service hours and help with Churchtime during the 10:00 AM Sunday Liturgy.

Communion to Assisted Living Facilities*

This ministry requires a person with compassion, understanding, and a deep respect for people to bring the Word of God and Eucharist to residents. A training program and VIRTUS training are required. Visits are made on Wednesdays and Sundays to the local community-based residential facilities on a rotating schedule.

Communion to the Sick & Homebound*

For this ministry you need a love and reverence for the Eucharist, a deep respect for people, and the ability to listen. A car is a necessity. Visits are made once or twice a month.

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Help distribute the consecrated body and blood of Christ at Mass. Must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Faith Formation Catechist*

Catechists teach Faith Formation to a specific grade (1st–5th) during the school year from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM on Wednesdays. Lesson plans, materials, in-service sessions, and guidance are provided.

Faith Formation Catechist Aide*

Aides assist the catechist in sharing faith and may lead activities. Lesson plans, in-service sessions, and guidance are provided.

Faith Formation Catechist Substitute*

Substitutes teach when an assigned catechist is unable to fulfill the commitment.

Faith Formation Hall Monitor*

Adults who are willing to monitor the halls, step into a classroom if needed, perform basic first aid, and complete projects as needed when there is free time.

Faith Formation Mentor for Middle School and High School Confirmation*

Lead students in small group discussions on a weekly basis on either Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM for Middle School (Grades 6th–8th) or Sundays (see below) for Confirmation. Adults with general knowledge of the Catholic faith needed. Training provided. Ability and desire to work with teens and uphold meeting rules.

Confirmation Year I and II: Sunday evenings from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM or from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Confirmation Year III: Sundays from 10:00 AM Mass until 12:30 PM

Finance Council Member

This appointed committee oversees the finances of the parish. They meet on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Forerunners Team

Named after our patron, the “Forerunner” St. John the Baptist. The team’s mission is to create a faith home where parishioners feel welcomed, valued, and energized by the Holy Spirit. They do this by coordinating a variety of parish events, programs, and activities throughout the year.

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Funeral Luncheon Volunteer

Help set up and clean up for funeral meals held at St. John's. Meals are catered. Volunteers are on a rotating list to limit the number of times a volunteer is called. Each funeral takes about three hours.

Greeter

This ministry needs individuals, couples, and families to welcome all who enter our church doors before weekend Masses and special events. This is an "easy to do" ministry that only requires 30 extra minutes before Mass. This is a great ministry to get your children involved in!

Helping Hands*

Assist parish members needing transportation or meal help during times of illness or other challenges. Some examples include rides to church, doctor's appointments, and grocery runs and meals for those recovering from surgery or other medical problems. If you volunteer for transportation, you need a valid driver's license and proof of insurance. Scheduling and planning are done via email or phone. Volunteers set their own schedule.

Knights of Columbus Council 6279

The Knights of Columbus Council 6279 is a fraternal group of Catholic men who give of their time and talent to better the community. Efforts include high school scholarships, donations to the handicapped and disabled, numerous youth contests, bingo at parish gatherings, highway cleanup, and participation in the Howard Christmas parade. The group's mission is charity, community, and fraternity.

Laundry Love Brown County

St. John's and Laundry Love Brown County team up to host a quarterly neighborhood event for individuals and families needing help with laundry. Volunteers are needed to help with the washers and dryers, monetary donations, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and snacks.

Lector

Proclaim the readings from Scripture at Mass. Choose the Mass time you prefer.

Mission Sewing Group

This group meets from 9:00 AM to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Parish Office to work on various mission sewing activities and other projects (including backpacks and hand-made cloth diapers) for local needs as well as Third World countries. Some members work from home.

Music Ministry

Children's Choir: Composed of students from all schools (public and SJB) in grades 2nd–8th. Weekly rehearsals during the school year are from 3:20 PM to 4:30 PM on Tuesdays.

Instrumentalists & Pianists: For anyone interested in playing a musical instrument at St. John's.

Joyful Noise: A contemporary choir that practices as needed.

Living Waters Choir: A large choir that sings four-part harmony. They practice from 7:15 PM to 8:30 PM on Tuesdays and sing at Mass once a month.

Men's Choir: An adult male choir that sings at Mass.

Resurrection (Funeral) Choir: Requires availability during the week or on Saturday on a rotational basis to sing at funeral Masses.

Small Group Singer: Varies. There are multiple opportunities to become a member of one of these groups.

Youth Choir: Grades 7th–12th use their gifts to praise God in song.

New Member Experience Team

We strive to enhance our new member's experience/engagement in the life of the parish following registration.

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SERVICE MINISTRIES

Parish Trustee

A Trustee is an elected parish leadership position, Treasurer–Trustee or Secretary–Trustee. Trustees are required to attend either a monthly Pastoral Council meeting (second Thursday of the month) or a monthly Finance Council meeting (fourth Thursday of the month).

Pastoral Council Member

Council members serve as advisors to the Pastor and require discernment and concern about the parish. The Pastoral Council meets on the second Thursday of the month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Care, prayer, and the love of knitting or crocheting have been combined into this ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort. When participants gather, they bring their project to work on as they share stories of their shawls, exchange patterns, and bless the finished shawls brought in that month. If you cannot make the meetings, drop your finished shawls at the Parish Office.

RCIA/OCIA Sponsors

A sponsor is a practicing Catholic who agrees to mentor and share faith with a non-Catholic who is considering membership in the Catholic Church.

SCRIP Sales

Help sell SCRIP 30 minutes before and after 4:30 PM Saturday Mass or on Sunday from 9 AM to 10:00 AM. You can sign up to sell SCRIP at the Mass you attend or for the whole weekend. Scheduling is done via SignUpGenius.

Serenity Bereavement Support Group

Gather with others who have lost a parent, spouse, sibling, or other loved one and share feelings, ideas, and experiences to foster healing and understanding while coping with grief.

Sisters of the Heart Prayer Ministry

Each Tuesday morning following Mass, this group of women meets in the Fireplace Room to pray intercessory prayer.

Site Advisory Council*

This council serves as an important parent and parish member body for feedback and consultation for the St. John the Baptist School Principal, the GRACE System President, and the GRACE Council of Trustees. SAC's primary responsibility is to meet site-based fundraising requirements. All matters, activities, and decisions will be aligned with St. John the Baptist School's mission statement and vision. The Site Advisory Council meets once a month.

SJB Charismatic Prayer Group

We gather every Monday from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM to give our full attention to Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit. It is a time to give praise, thanks, honor and love to Jesus through song, Scripture, sharing, prayer, and silence as we grow together in community.

Social Concerns Committee

This committee helps the parish care for the poor, hurting, and homebound. We also work to assist parish members to become more aware of social issues that affect our community. You can become a member of the committee or volunteer for a service area. Monthly meetings are from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month.

St. John's Prayer Ministry

Would you like to pray with and for others? After each Mass on the announced weekend of the month, Prayer Ministers will be available in the Eucharistic Chapel (behind the tabernacle) to pray for the needs of the people. Individuals are invited to come and have the Prayer Ministers pray with and for them. Prayer Ministers are scheduled on a rotating basis.

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SERVICE MINISTRIES

St. John the Baptist Catholic Women

The St. John the Baptist Catholic Women serve the parish by donating money for special parish projects with funds raised from bake sales, their annual Spring Get-Away, and working at the St. Vincent de Paul store. They launder altar linens, lead the rosary at Tender Hearts Assisted Living facility, have a prayer chain for the parish, offer Masses for their deceased members and Right to Life, and organize and participate in the May Crowning.

St. John the Baptist Garden Angels

Assist with taking care of a portion of our outdoor plantings around the Ministry Center (heritage church), church, woods, and Duck Creek Cemetery. If you love to garden, this is an opportunity to put your skills to use. We also need people to weed.

St. John the Baptist School

- Before/After School Supervision*
- Coach Sports Team*
- Library Volunteer*
- Lunchroom Volunteer*
- Noon Playground Supervisor*

St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter Donations/Volunteer

Volunteer at the shelter during the day or evening: cleaning, doing laundry, sorting donations, office work, maintenance, and pickups. Volunteers are also needed to work with guests in the evenings. Consider donating items from their wish list or working with a group to prepare a meal. **Please contact the shelter directly** at 920-436-9344.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference

The volunteers of this Catholic lay organization focus on those in need. They provide monetary assistance with rent and utilities, clothing, household items vouchers, and mentorship. The St. John's Conference meets once or twice a month.

That Man Is You

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Want to be a better husband? A more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men of our parish? Are you seeking to be the best man you can be? Join us Wednesdays from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM in the School Commons or on Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 7:30 AM in the Church Narthex.

Ushers

Greet and assist parishioners with seating, the collection, and Communion procession.

Vocations Ministry

Create an environment that encourages and allows men and women to easily say "Yes" to God's call to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, sacramental marriage, or single life. See also 31 Club.

Women's Bible Study

A thirst for Scripture brings women together to discuss, share, and learn how Scripture plays a role in our everyday lives. Groups meet on various days and times.

Youth Ministry Adult Volunteer*

Help us with monthly youth events in various roles of assistance. Training is provided. Time commitment varies and opportunities include Middle School activity nights and High School activity nights. Volunteer opportunities for both age groups, High School Bible Study, and more!

Skills/Talents/Interests

Carpentry	Photography
Electrical	Plant Care (inside church)
Gardening	Technology: Audiovisual (run screens or sound system)
Graphic Design	Technology: Computer/IT Support
Masonry	Technology: Videos: Creating for variety of ministries.
Office Support	Other: _____