

St. Charles Borromeo Parish ***St. Katharine Drexel Chapel in Harpswell*** ***Time & Talent Opportunities***

You are invited...

We invite you to be a Christian steward of your God-given gifts of time and talent. Listed below are several opportunities for your consideration. We ask you to prayerfully reflect on these opportunities and ask yourself: “Will I make some return to God this coming year by serving others in His name?” Separate response sheets for two members of your household are located inside this booklet. Additional sheets may be found on the table in the Narthex. Please join us in being good stewards of God’s Church and World by bringing your time and talent sheets to mass and placing them in the collection basket, leaving them in the Coordinator of Lay Ministries mail slot, or mail them to St. Charles.



Time & Talent
Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

Building the Kingdom...The Kingdom is Now...Workers Wanted! ***Pastoral Leadership***

Parish Council

The Parish Council is charged with guiding the work of the parish in accordance with the Parish Mission Statement. Members serve two-year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms. The Council is made up of one representative from each commission plus three at-large members. Parishioners who are 18 or over may volunteer to serve on the council. This is a two year commitment, 2 hours per month.

The Parish Council serves as an advisory body to the Pastor and assists the Pastor in the overall care and ministry of the Parish and the enhancement of its mission. With the Pastor, the Council sets the mission and direction of the parish.

Finance Commission

This commission is responsible for assuring the necessary material resources – land, buildings and finances – that will enable the parish to carry on the mission of Christ. Their responsibilities include: preparing the annual budget and financial report, fund raising, planning new construction, maintaining an inventory of parish facilities, overseeing buildings and grounds and educating parishioners on financial priorities of the parish.

The Finance commission provides advice and recommendations to the Pastor concerning the Stewardship of the parish’s fiscal resources, including, conducting long range financial planning to support the mission of the parish. The Finance Commission also works with all the other commissions on financial matters. Time commitment is 2 hours once a month with occasional special meetings.

Buildings and Grounds

Buildings and Grounds plans and oversees maintenance work at the parish’s physical facilities. An overall coordinator recommends both short and long term goals relative to upkeep of physical facilities, evaluates and guides ongoing maintenance and custodial tasks, and maintains the “to do” list for the custodial staff. Ideally the coordinator will have a background in the construction/building arena. Building and grounds needs volunteers who can be called infrequently to provide maintenance and/or custodial work.

Giant Yard Sale

This event is a money maker enabling us to offer cash raffle prizes at our Christmas Fair. It takes place in the spring in our parking lot. Approximately 100 tables are rented to members of the community. These vendors display their wares and collect the profits. The Church sells luncheon items, baked goods, and has a Trash and Treasure concession. Volunteers are needed to set up, sell, clean up, and work at the Church's tables. This is an all day project, approximately 9 hours.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair, Snowflake Festival, is in November. Crafts, knits, jewelry, doll clothes, toys, Christmas tree ornaments, recycled treasures, candies, baked goods, cookies are all contributed and sold by parishioners. In addition, we have a raffle table, chance table, religious articles table, children's area and a home-cooked lunch. Many are involved and the individual tasks have varying degrees of commitment time.

Stewardship Commission

This commission is responsible for the continuing development of the practice of *STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE*. Toward this end, the commission is dedicated to the goal of involving all parishioners in living our parish mission statement through a commitment to stewardship, giving our time, our talent, and our treasure to assure a parish rich in fulfilling God's command that we share our resources with those less fortunate than we are. The commission organizes the annual Proportional Giving (Pledging) effort and works in concert with the Coordinator of Lay Ministries to plan and implement a coordinated and comprehensive time and talent effort for all parish ministries. This includes arranging the bi-annual Ministry Fair, providing the educational resources on the "how" and "why" of stewardship, and with the Pastor, identifying speakers to address stewardship issues at St. Charles.

Growing Gifts of Ministry ... Nurturing the Soil Liturgy and Music

Worship and Spirituality Commission

This commission recruits and organizes all liturgical ministers, including: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Acolytes (Adult Servers at funerals), Altar Servers, Cantors, Glory Choir and Instrumentalists, and the Praise Band. It is also responsible for the ministry of our Ushers and Greeters who welcome all who come to St. Charles, and for decorating the church for holy days and special events.

Eucharistic Minister

A Eucharistic Minister assists in distribution of the Eucharist with reverence and dignity. To become one, an individual must be an active, confirmed parishioner of St. Charles and at least 16 years old. Training sessions are provided. Commitment is approximately two Masses per month.

Altar Server

An Altar Server serves at the Lord's Table, for Sunday and Holy Day liturgies. This is a wonderful service for all youth who are in the third grade or above and who have received the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Training sessions are provided. The commitment is two Masses per month.

Lector

Proclaims God's Living Word at masses and special liturgies approximately once per month. Prior experience in public speaking is helpful but not required. Training is provided.

Usher/Greeter

An Usher/Greeter welcomes all who come to weekend and Holy Day Liturgies. Usher/Greeters should be friendly and outgoing as they are often the first contact new-comers have with the parish community. The commitment is approximately ninety minutes once a month. It is a great opportunity for families.

Acolyte

An Acolyte is an adult who serves at Funeral Masses. A one hour training session is provided and an Acolyte serves as needed.

Glory Choir & Instrumentalists

This traditional choir meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM for about two hours. We welcome both men and women to join us at any time. We also need instrumentalists. Auditions are not required for the choir.

Cantor

A Cantor sings the Responsorial Psalm during mass and leads the assembly in song. The music director meets with the cantors on a regular basis, either once or twice a month to review and rehearse the hymns for the month. The rehearsals for the cantors last about 1 ½ hours and are held in the church at 11 AM or 6:30 PM.

Praise Band

The Praise Band is a high energy, gospel-style worship group with singers, drums, bass guitars, and a keyboard. It is a good choice for those who want to cut loose and play with gusto. This group meets Wednesday nights for a two hour rehearsal and plays twice a month at the 10:30 AM mass.

Environment and Art

This group decorates the church for major holidays and seasons of the liturgical year. We especially need helping hands for Christmas, Lent and Easter. The time commitment would be your choice from 2-6 hours.

Growing Gifts of Ministry ... Planting the Seeds ... Faith Formation

Faith Formation Commission

This commission is responsible for the educational policies and programs for all the parishioners as well as those seeking membership in the Catholic Church. Adult programs include, but are not limited to, scripture study, centering prayer and book groups. Faith Formation of our youth from pre-school through high school includes Liturgy of the Word, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children and Catholics Returning Home. Opportunities are available for volunteers as teachers, group leaders in our adult faith formation programs, sacramental preparation classes and sponsors of those preparing to become Catholic.

Disciples In Mission

Disciples In Mission is a three year program that begins in Lent of 2007. All parishes within the Cluster have adopted this program. This program is for all parishioners and will help in building community. It is a program that will bring about spiritual renewal through individual and communal prayer, small faith sharing groups of adults and teens, inspiring homilies and appealing bulletin inserts that will make Christ's evangelizing mission more understandable and clear. We have a Parish Staff Leadership Team Coordinator and a Parish Staff Representative for this 3 year program. We need parishioners to serve as part of the Parish Leadership Team for this new program. Please contact Deacon Frank Semancik if you are interested in participating in this important project.

Adult Faith Formation Teams and Group Gatherings

The Adult Faith Formation Ministry answers the call to enable all parishioners to become lifelong learners and evangelizers. We plan events that will inform and inspire. Our aim is to make the education process appealing and accessible to all. There are one-time events for large gatherings and on-going events for small groups. There are two types of Adult Faith Formation Planning Teams. One team is for long-range planning and meets irregularly to accommodate the varied schedules of its members. The other type of team is one that forms for a specific event and would meet to plan and execute that individual event. We welcome and encourage new members to both types of teams.

Ongoing small group gatherings in progress at this time are as follows: a Scripture Study Group, a Men's Book Group, a Women's Book Group and two Centering Prayer Groups. New ideas for small groups are eagerly received and our hope is to see every parishioner involved in some kind of small group setting for the purpose of growing in Faith and Love of God. With the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the support received from sharing in the group, one is able to show the face of Christ in daily living, and thus inspire goodness in others. This is how we evangelize.

Adult Faith Formation Lending Library

The Adult Faith Formation program sponsors a Lending Library, located in the Conference Room, for the use of all parishioners. There are books, audiotapes, CD's and videotapes. The library is functional, but we are most receptive to suggestions as to how it can be improved and its use be encouraged.

Catechists for Faith Formation

Our catechists teach our Catholic faith to our students, Pre-K through 6th grade. From September through May, Grades K-6 meet on Sunday mornings, 9-10:15 AM. Pre-K meets on Sunday morning from 10:30-11:30 AM. Committed adults who love children are encouraged to serve, and training is provided.

Catechists Aides

Catechist aides assist catechists for children in Pre-K through 6th grade in a variety of supportive ways. This assistance is given during the Faith Formation classes which are held from September through May.

Vacation Bible Camp

Volunteers assist and lead children for a one week period during summer vacation. The primary focus during this week is learning about our Catholic faith and having fun. Individuals who love children, crafts and music are encouraged to serve.

Pre-Baptism

A Baptism preparation session is offered on a monthly basis for parents seeking Baptism for their child. Small group facilitators assist first time parents in welcoming the children into our family of faith and in understanding the meaning of Baptism. Follow-up letters offer prayerful support and resources to couples who have participated in the sessions. If you feel comfortable in sharing your Catholic faith, insights and personal witness, this is the commitment for you.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which people who are not Catholic or who wish to complete their sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) gather together on Wednesday evenings and become participants in a faith journey learning the teachings of the Church in an informal atmosphere. Team members and sponsors are needed for this journey. You need only to be willing to share and grow in your own faith and life as a Catholic to be an active helper. Team members and sponsors are needed for a one year commitment.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children is for children 7 years of age or older who have never received any religious education or who have not been baptized. This process prepares the children

and their families for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist which takes place at the Easter Vigil. Sponsors are always needed for this journey. You need only to be willing to share your faith and life as a Catholic to be an active helper. This is a one year commitment.

Catholics Returning Home

This informal discussion group meets for six consecutive weeks on Tuesday evenings three times a year. Its sole purpose is to welcome non-practicing Catholics back to the Church by listening and sharing their concerns with sincere warmth and compassion. If you are one who has returned to the church and feels comfortable sharing your faith journey, this experience would be beneficial to you and the participants.

Advent Family Day

Start your Christmas preparation by joining your fellow parishioners in the parish hall where there will be many activities to help you on your journey to a meaningful Christmas season. Some of these activities include making your annual Advent Wreath or a Christmas ornament, taking time to write a Christmas message to our servicemen and visiting Jesus' stable. We will have spiritual reading materials for you to bring home to share with your family. Lunch and beverages will be provided at the "inn". Come spend a couple of hours and mingle with fellow parishioners. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, serve the luncheon, and clean up. Commitment time varies depending on the task.

Blessing of Easter Baskets

This event is held on Palm Sunday after the 10:30 AM mass. In addition to the blessing of the baskets, there is a round robin of Easter crafts, an egg hunt and an Easter story which is read by our Pastor. Volunteers are needed for all activities. This is a 2 hour commitment.

Parish Seder Supper

Make the Passover Seder come alive with a joyous celebration – all the richness of ancient tradition. The Seder Supper – The Family Haggadah – invites adults and children to experience the story of the Exodus. You will discover some of the deeper meanings and mysteries of this holiday. This special event (including a pot luck dinner) is held the Tuesday of Holy Week. The commitment time is 4 hours.

Catholic Relief Service Project

Operation Rice Bowl is the Catholic Relief Services' Lenten project that calls us to pray, fast, learn and give. The children do lessons geared to this project, along with contributing to their rice bowls. Volunteers are needed to help collect and count monies at the end of the Lenten season. The commitment time is 2 hours.

Children's Lending Library

We will be offering the children the opportunity to take out spiritual reading books and VHS tapes through the Faith Formation office. A book cart will be placed in the hallway outside the Faith Formation office on the Sundays that we have classes. Volunteers are needed to help catalog books. The time commitment varies.

Children's Mass

Children's masses take place at the 10:30 AM mass at various times during the year. The children in grades Pre-K through 6th grade participate in these masses in many special ways. Their participation includes being greeters, readers, and gift bearers. Volunteers are needed to practice with the children, make decorations, and give ideas and suggestions for these very special masses. The commitment time varies.

Planting the Seeds ... Youth and Young Adults

Life Teen

The Life Teen program is a comprehensive youth ministry program with a strong focus on the Eucharist. Starting with mass, high school teens are placed in an environment where they have the opportunity to be in a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and His Church. Immediately following mass, teens gather to learn about the Church and their faith in challenging ways. Some, for the first time, are in an environment where they feel loved and accepted. The mission of Life Teen is "To Bring Teens Closer To Christ".

Life Teen Core Support

Core members are adults who want to help teens experience Christ by sharing their faith and love for Christ. Commitment time is 2-4 hours weekly, 3 Sundays per month for the school year, with monthly planning meetings.

The Jr. High Youth Ministry Program

This program is based on the Life Teen format with the focus on the Eucharist. The youth meet weekly for 1 ½ hours of Faith Formation and socialization. Retreats are also a part of the fun. Father John Granato is our new Youth Ministry Chaplain. The help and support of parents is encouraged.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place at the 10:30 AM mass at various times during the year. Children, in grades 1-6, process out of church before the first reading and return during the Profession of Faith. During this time, they congregate in a room to read from the Children's Lectionary and discuss the readings at their level. Volunteers are always needed to help with the children, read from the Lectionary and guide the discussion with the children. No experience is needed other than the love of children and sharing the Word of God. The commitment time varies.

Parents for Life

Parents for Life is a support team for the Life Teen program. Any adult who would like to support our ever growing Life Teen program is welcome to join. We support the teens with our prayers and service. We meet on a regular basis to share our own faith journey and support each other. Some of the services we give to the Life Teen program are: providing meals for special Life Teen events, preparing the Newsletter for mailing, sending birthday cards to all the registered teens in the parish and guiding the teens in their service at the weekly Life Teen Mass. As the Life Teen director and Adult Core Leaders seek to guide our teens toward a deeper relationship with Christ and a rich appreciation of their Catholic faith, the Parents for Life will support them behind the scene so that all together they provide a path for our teens to seek God's Will for their lives.

Life Teen Music Ministry

Anyone who would like to join us in praising and worshipping God in song during our 6 o'clock Life Teen Mass is welcome to this ministry.

Building the Kingdom ... The Kingdom is Now ... Workers Wanted!! Social Ministries and Human Concerns

Social Justice and Peace Commission

The Social Justice and Peace Commission – one of the most active in the Diocese – is the principal vehicle through which St. Charles parishioners live their faith through action. The commission is committed to making the Gospel message live in the Brunswick area through a variety of activities. These include: Food Drives, Habitat for Humanity (building weekends, annual walk), Giving Tree, Lenten Suppers, Bread for the World, Legislative Initiatives for justice and peace, the Cuba Project, the Domestic Violence Support Group, School Support, Birthline, CHANS, and Hospice. Because of the commission's very active agenda it is always in need of new members. Please consider joining the commission to work on existing projects or to develop new ones that interest you. It is a direct way of "acting" on our faith beliefs. We welcome your participation. The commitment varies from one to several hours monthly, depending on the project.

Giving Tree

The Advent Giving Tree invites all parishioners to join in providing gifts for children and the elderly in need in our area during the Advent-Christmas season. A Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex, decorated with "ornaments" which are Angel tags from the Salvation Army indicating the toys and clothing needed for the children and the colored tags indicating personal and household items requested by the elderly. This project has many areas in which to help including decorating the tree, preparing and placing announcements in the bulletin, obtaining information and tags from the Salvation Army and Elders, manning sign-up tables and arranging for the storage of collected items. An approximate commitment of 3-10 hours depending on the task involved.

Food Drives

These food drives take place in November, during Lent and as needed with the collection of food items donated to the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program (Food Bank/Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen). The collections require minimal advance preparation such as bulletin notices, distribution of paper bags, and the sorting of food items done the weekend of the collection. This is a 3 hour commitment.

Habitat for Humanity Walk and Church Representative

A coordinator is needed to attend bi-weekly meetings from February to April, prepare announcements for our bulletin, obtain Walk packets from the Walk Committee, coordinate volunteers to sign up walkers, work on Walk Day, prepare food for walkers, and work at host church on Walk Day. The commitment is 6-10 hours per year.

School Support

School Support is a quiet ministry which has the mission to respond to emergency needs of local school children for clothing and supplies.

Bread for the World

We work to involve the parish in Bread for the World, a lobbying group that works to promote effective approaches to ending world hunger. We participate in letter writing campaigns, working to educate the congregation and give parishioners an opportunity to use their voices to speak up for the hungry. The commitment time varies.

Legislative Issues & Advocacy

This initiative aids in the spreading and supporting of Church views on current social and political issues in the state and world. Regular meetings with legislators from the area and letter writing campaigns are all major aspects of this initiative.

Lenten Suppers

This ministry involves six Friday suppers during the season of Lent. There are several areas in which to participate. We need small groups for preparing and cooking the food. We need a set-up group (set-up is done on the Thursday evening prior to the Friday night suppers). Also needed are people to sell tickets in the Narthex, collect tickets, serve food and beverages, wash dishes and pots, clear tables, and clean up. Many hands are needed to accomplish successfully these Lenten suppers, proceeds of which are distributed to local non-profit organizations. The approximate commitment time is 2-12 hours per supper depending on the task.

Food Box

This box is placed in the Narthex for collection of non-perishable food. This effort is ongoing and parishioners can bring items anytime. Volunteers are needed to deliver this food to the Food Pantry weekly



Building the Kingdom ... Parish Life

Parish Life

This commission plans and sponsors a variety of social and community building programs that are intended to support and encourage fellowship and family growth throughout the parish. These include: The Family Group Movement, World Marriage Day, Brunswick Area Interfaith Council, Ministry of Care, Senior Appreciation Luncheon, the parish "Gatherings", a periodic newsletter, Funeral Receptions, Coffee & Doughnuts after the Sunday morning liturgies, Anointing of the Sick & Senior Mass, Church Laundry, Sacristans and Bereavement Ministry.

Family Group Movement

The Family Group Movement was inaugurated in 1972 by Fr. Peter McGrath, C.P., near Sydney, Australia. Its purpose is to connect families and individuals in a parish for mutual support and Christian community building. Groups of 10 to 15 families meet monthly for a picnic, casserole supper, or other social event. They also celebrate special events like a home Eucharist, a Baptism or an Anniversary. The Family Group Movement's motto is: "*A Family For All*".

World Marriage Day

At the World Marriage Day Mass, all married couples are asked to participate in renewing their wedding vows. After the mass, couples who are celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more years of marriage are invited to a reception in the rectory. This event takes a few hours to plan and to set up.

Brunswick Area Interfaith Council

This group meets monthly from September to May at member churches in the area. The host church prepares lunch and speakers are invited to speak on a variety of subjects pertaining to social justice. Travel and meeting time is approximately three hours monthly.

Ministry of Care

In this parish ministry, we visit the sick, the grieving, the aged and the dying whether it be in their homes, nursing homes or hospitals. With our presence, our prayers, and the sacrament, we bring support and comfort from person to person, uniting the Church. At St. Charles Borromeo, our Ministers of Care are ordinary people called to minister to ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances.

As Ministers of Care, we actively participate in the Anointing of the Sick and Senior Mass. Several members also assist our pastor in the Anointing of the Sick at the nursing homes. The time commitment is approximately 15 hours per month.

Seniors Appreciation Luncheon

The Ministry of Care Team puts on this luncheon in recognition of the elders of the parish. Musical entertainment is included on this day. The time commitment is approximately 7 hours.

Newsletter

Gatherings, the St. Charles Parish newsletter is published three times per year – in the fall, winter and spring under the auspices of the Parish Life Commission. *Gatherings* features parish news (usually in longer form than one would see in the weekly bulletin), essays, articles, photographs and artwork. Any parishioner may submit work; publication depends upon the discretion of the editor.

Once all submissions have been received and approved by the editor, production of the newsletter takes approximately two weeks. The first week involves the editing of submitted works and the laying out of the newsletter. This is the responsibility of the editor. The second week is for publishing. This entails proofing of the newsletter, printing and final production work, labeling, sorting and delivering the printed edition to the post office. Commitment time varies depending on the task.

Funeral Receptions

In addition to the prayers and liturgical celebrations that offer spiritual help to the relatives and friends of the deceased, our parish has a funeral reception team that organizes and prepares food in the St. Charles kitchen to be served after the funeral service. The family of the deceased determines the number expected to attend the reception and their choice of either a full luncheon or coffee cake and fruit buffet. The time commitment is as needed.

Coffee & Doughnuts

Coffee, juice and doughnuts are served after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday morning masses. Preparation time is minimal – one hour a week – fellowship time is invaluable.

Anointing of the Sick and Senior Mass

This is a joint venture between St. John's, St. Ambrose, and St. Charles. At this mass, the elders of all sites take an active role in all facets. The volunteers are the Ministers of Care and parishioners from each site. The job entails food preparation, planning of music, computer generated handouts for the mass, setting up the hall for the reception and flyers for bulletin boards. The time commitment is approximately: 2 hours.

Church Laundry

This ministry involves the weekly task of cleaning altar linens and returning them to the church. The time commitment is approximately one hour weekly. When Holy Days occur, within a week, the time needed will increase.

Sacristans

Sacristans are individuals who set up for the daily celebration of mass during weekdays. These individuals prepare the sacred vessels, the liturgical books, and make sure all is ready for the daily celebration of mass. They also attend, after mass, to the proper storage of these materials and make sure that the Sacristy is secure before leaving the church. The sacristans are also responsible for the availability of liturgical supplies such as candles, holy water, bread and wine.

Bereavement

The St. Charles Bereavement Ministry reaches out to those who are grieving the death of a loved one by offering the support and prayers of the parish and by providing referrals to community resources. The time commitment is as needed.



Building the Kingdom ...Special Needs

Adopt-A-Flower Bed

Parishioners are invited to work on the St. Charles grounds to help maintain the church's desirable setting. We need two separate groups. The first group is responsible for sprucing up the beds in the spring of the year, mulching and edging when necessary. The second group would be responsible for the weeding and watering on a rotating basis from spring to fall. Many hands make for light work. The commitment time varies according to the need.

Sewing

This request is a call for nimble fingers with a bit of free time to enhance our surroundings. When items such as altar cloths, costumes for the Christmas pageant, tablecloths and infant baptismal stoles are requested, then the call goes out to those who expressed a willingness to help. The commitment varies according to the need and is on a call as needed basis.

Photography

This ministry involves the identification of an individual who will be called upon to take pictures, at a memorable church function, when special pictures are needed.

Suppers

This ministry refers to parishioners who help in all areas of preparing and serving during the parish suppers that are unrelated to the Lenten Suppers. Volunteers are needed to set up tables, chairs and equipment prior to a parish event and clean up after the said event. The qualifications needed are: a willing spirit and a strong back. The time commitment varies with each event.

Tedford Shelter Meal-A-Month Program

This activity provides an opportunity to be of service to the homeless at the Tedford Shelter. A sign-up chart for volunteers is posted, at the start of each calendar year, on the St. Charles office hallway bulletin board. Volunteers will provide part of a meal, for 10-20 people, on the 4th Friday of the month. Individuals are also needed to prepare and place periodic announcements in our church bulletin, to be a liaison with the Tedford Shelter, to call volunteers to remind them of tasks, and to recruit volunteers to fill unmet needs. The commitment time varies depending on the service provided, from 1-5 hours monthly.

Transportation

Volunteers provide fellow parishioner(s) with transportation to mass or other special events which take place at St. Charles. The commitment time is at your convenience.

Sunday Collection Counters

Collection counters are volunteers who meet in the parish office on Monday mornings to count the contributions from the previous Sunday. Envelopes are opened, contents removed and counted. The loose donations from the collection are also counted and recorded. The ability to pay attention to detail and experience using a calculator are helpful. Two counters work together as a team. The time commitment is from 2-3 hours on Monday mornings, usually once a month.

Arts & Crafts

Volunteers offer design suggestions, as well as design and make special posters/signs on a call when needed basis.

Baking – Lenten Suppers

Helpers are needed to give assistance to the baker(s) in the preparation of desserts for the Lenten Suppers. The baking is usually done in the morning and the time commitment varies.

Baking – Special Events

Bakers are needed to donate their homemade specialties for our: Christmas Fair, Giant Yard Sale, Adult Faith Formation sessions, Lenten Monday Night speakers and other miscellaneous events. The time commitment varies.

Special Helpers

All ministries need help with a variety of projects. These projects include: assistance with craft activities, calligraphy, music, child care during the 10:30 AM Sunday Family Mass, recording masses for use by the home bound (shut-ins) and some yet to be identified events. The commitment time varies with the project. This ministry is an ideal opportunity for those who have limited time.

Child Care

Individuals who love children are invited to assist with the care at special events such as Adult Faith Formation sessions, retreats, workshops. These events are held either in the daytime or in the evening. The time commitment varies.

General Task Support

Small groups are needed to stuff inserts into the weekly bulletins, prepare and assemble parish bulk mailings, and other general tasks. These groups serve on a call when needed basis.

Technology

This task involves taping an event on video, assisting with video projection and taping, computer skills including data base management, and Excel. Every ministry occasionally is in need of these talents. The commitment varies with each task.

Hospitality

Volunteers are needed to prepare, set up and clean up the tables in the Narthex for friendship coffee, tea, juice and desserts for special events such as workshops, Lenten speakers, and Adult Faith Formation sessions. This ministry also needs friendly people to welcome all who attend these events.

Vespers & Dinner

All unmarried adults, between the ages of 18 – 30, are invited to Vespers and Dinner every Tuesday evening. Come pray and enjoy a meal at St. Charles with other young Catholics from around the state.

Young Adult Group (Ages 18-40)

Are you looking for a way to meet people, enrich your faith and have fun? If you are 18 to 40, married or unmarried, we may have an answer. You are invited to take part in the Young Adult Group here at St. Charles. Group activities through the year include: theology on tap, social gatherings, educational opportunities and sports/recreational events; just to name a few.

“Living Your Faith” Bulletin Board

We have a large bulletin board outside the Coordinator of Lay Ministries’ office. This bulletin board is a fun way to reflect the many activities and ministries of the parish as well as parishioners “Living Their Faith” in their many roles in the community. The bulletin board shows examples of stewardship/discipleship in our parish. Please remember to share pictures of parish events and share artistic talents to this area. Your items may be dropped into the black wall container by the Coordinator of Lay Ministries office. Please include your name if you wish to have your items returned.



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St. Charles Borromeo Parish

St. Katharine Drexel Chapel in Harpswell

Sharing our Stewardship of Time, Talent & Treasure

PLEASE complete one form per household member and return to the parish.

Instructions: Please fill in Your Personal Information. (Note: Please sign up as an individual. We would appreciate each family member completing a separate form). Placing a “checkmark” in the appropriate column (Interested, Continue Involvement, Leaving the Ministry) to the right of each opportunity indicates your status in a specific ministry/program, and your desire to be contacted by a pastoral leader to discuss your participation in a ministry.

Individual Name: _____

Address: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

_____ **Work Phone:** _____

Best time to call:

Age: (Please circle one): **12 & under** **13-17** **18 & up**

Which Mass do you attend? (Please circle one):

St. Charles:	4:00 PM Saturday	8:00 AM Sunday
	10:30 AM Sunday	Life Teen 6:00 PM Sunday
St. Katharine Drexel:	5:30 PM Saturday	9:00 AM Sunday

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		Interested	Continue Involvement	Leaving the Ministry
Parish Leadership (Pages 1 & 2)	Parish Council			
	Finance Commission			
	Building and Grounds			
	Giant Yard Sale			
	Christmas Fair			
	Stewardship Commission			

		Interested	Continue Involvement	Leaving the Ministry
Worship & Spirituality Commission (Pages 2 & 3)	Worship & Spirituality Commission			
	Eucharistic Minister			
	Altar Server			
	Lector			
	Usher Greeter			
	Acolyte			
	Glory Choir & Instrumentalist			
	Cantor			
	Praise Band			
	Environment and Art			

		Interested	Continue Involvement	Leaving the Ministry
Faith Formation Commission (Pages 3, 4 & 5)	Faith Formation Commission			
	Disciples In Mission			
	Adult Faith Formation Teams & Group Gatherings			
	Adult Faith Formation Lending Library			
	Catechist for Faith Formation			
	Catechist Aides			
	Vacation Bible Camp			
	Pre-Baptism			
	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults			
	Rite of Christian Initiation of Children			
	Catholics Returning Home			
	Advent Family Day			
	Blessing of Easter Baskets			
	Parish Seder Supper			
	Catholic Relief Service Project			
	Children's Lending Library			
	Children's Liturgy of the Word			
	Children's Mass			
	Life Teen			
	Life Teen Core Support			
	Jr. High Youth Ministry Program			
	Parents for Life			
	Life Teen Music Ministry			
	Parish Life Commission (Pages 7 & 8)	Parish Life Commission		
Family Group Movement				
World Marriage Day				
Brunswick Area Interfaith Council				
Ministry of Care				
Seniors Appreciation Luncheon				
Newsletter				
Funeral Receptions				
Coffee & Doughnuts				
Anointing of the Sick & Senior Mass				
Church Laundry				
Sacristans				
Bereavement				

		Interested	Continue Involvement	Leaving the Ministry
Social Justice & Peace Commission (Pages 6 & 7)	Social Justice & Peace Commission			
	Giving Tree			
	Food Drives			
	Habitat for Humanity Walk & Church Rep.			
	Bread for the World			
	School Support			
	Legislative Issues & Advocacy			
	Lenten Suppers			
	Food Box			
	Adapt-A-Flower Bed			
	Special Needs (Pages 9 & 10)	Sewing		
Photography				
Suppers				
Tedford Shelter Meal-A-Month Program				
Transportation				
Sunday Collection Counters				
Arts & Crafts				
Baking – Lenten Suppers				
Baking – Special Events				
Special Helpers				
Child Care				
General Task Support				
Technology				
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Our Parish Mission Statement

With the help of God our Heavenly Father, we strive to develop our identity with Our Lord, Jesus Christ, so that we might proclaim this relationship to others through

- *our example*
- *our service*
- *our celebration of the liturgy*

We work together through active ministries to achieve a caring and loving community of persons under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We seek to emulate the vision and leadership our patron saint, Charles Borromeo. We endeavor to be part of the greater community in the ecumenical effort to share the “good news” of Christ. We attempt to be signs of hope to all in our fast – changing world.

As a people of faith, we respond to the teaching of St. Charles to “... find the strength to bring CHRIST to birth in ourselves and in others”.