

**FROM A HEART OF GRATITUDE WE GIVE OUR
TIME • TALENT • TREASURE**



Ministry Opportunities
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Adult Ministries

Adults living their faith as thankful stewards of God's rich blessings not only experience God's grace "abundantly", but also provide the example our children need to learn how to put their faith into action as disciples. Living your faith spreads God's love and encourages other members of our community to live their faith.

Stewardship Commission

Commissioner –



Stewardship Envelopes and Autoshare – All parishioners are encouraged to give back to the church a portion of their "First Fruits" in thanksgiving for all God has done for us. God promises to bless those who share of their "First Fruits" with "ten-fold" blessings. Contributions can be made using weekly or monthly envelopes or using our Autoshare Program. Autoshare makes giving easy, by simply having the amount you designate, automatically deposited to our church. Contact Ann Ratliff at the Parish Office for envelopes or to sign up for Autoshare at 792-2050.

Diocesan Stewardship Day – The Diocese of Davenport sponsors a day at a centrally located facility featuring a key note speaker. This event is held in the spring. Contact Kathy Hammerly, Stewardship Coordinator, at 792-2050 for details.

Friends From the Heart — Sacred Heart's newest group! The goal of this group is to provide fun social activities for adults in our parish. Please call Kathy Hammerly at 792-2050 if you have any ideas for fun!

All Parish Appreciation Brunch – The Stewardship Commission hosts a breakfast to thank all parishioners for sharing their time, talent and treasure with our church family. Contact us if you would like to help with planning and preparation.

Vocations Committee



The Vocations committee meets every other month on the third Sunday at 7:45 AM. This group supports and encourages ways to promote vocations in our parish.

A vocation is who God has "called" us to be. All of the baptized possess the vocation of the universal call to holiness and service in the Church.

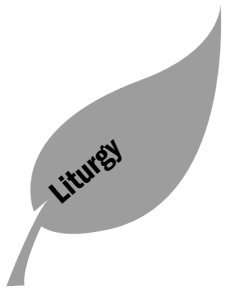
Ways We Promote Vocations:

- Parish prays for vocations after Mass on the first weekend of the month.
- Book/CD/DVD review for the bulletin
- Greeting Cards to the seminarians
- Altar server appreciation event

- World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- National Vocation Awareness Week

Liturgy Commission

Commissioner – Jim Nilles



Liturgical Ministries –

- **Extraordinary Ministers** — appointed by Fr. Reynolds and approved by the Bishop.
- **Lector** – read scripture for weekly Mass, weekday Mass, and/or Funeral Mass. Contact Lector Coordinator JoAnne Price at 792-7465.
- **Accompanist** – piano and/or instrument for weekly Mass and/or Funeral Mass.
- **Adult Choir** – The choir sings during the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday and for special parish liturgies. Choir practice is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, Fall through Spring. Contact Virginia Bennett at 641-275-3683.
- **Song Leader/Cantor** – weekly Mass and /or Funeral Mass.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** – Children between the ages 4 years old – 3rd grade are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass. Right after the Opening Prayer the children are called to the front of the church by the presider and dismissed. The Children's Liturgy ministers lead the children to the chapel where they hear and celebrate God's Word in a way that is appropriate for their ages.

The Children's Liturgy ministers proclaim the Sunday scripture in words that children understand. A Children's Lectionary approved by the United States Bishops is used. The Children's Liturgy Minister leads a reflection on the readings and all share in the Prayers of the Faithful. Children return to sit with their family at Mass after the Homily.

Adults and youth in fifth grade and older are welcome to serve as Children's Liturgy ministers. Let us know if you are interested in serving as a Children's Liturgy of the Word minister, song leader, and/or musician.

- **Hospitality/Greeter/Usher** – Greet parishioners, hand out bulletins, help with the collection and take attendance at mass. Contact our Hospitality Ministry Coordinators, Fred & Margaret Dimon.
- **Altar Servers** — Assist priest before, during, and after Mass. Training is provided. Contact Doug Thoma or Deacon Dan Goetz.

- **Home Visitor** - provide Eucharist to Homebound, Infirmed, Hospitalized, and those in Care Facilities. Contact our Home Visitor Coordinator, Lori Ward at 792-4242.
- **Liturgical Environment** – decorate our worship space for the church seasons. Contact Pam Zaabel.
- **Sacristan** – cleaning sacred vessels, sacristy and robes worn by servers. Contact Katherine Dietrich.

Stations of the Cross – each Friday of Lent before the 9:00 AM Mass. Sign up sheet available starting Ash Wednesday.

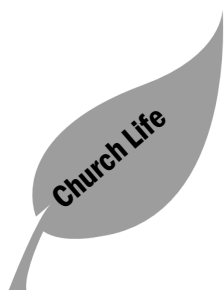
Rosary – prayed each Saturday at 5:00 PM and each Sunday at 8:30 AM. Contact Kathy Hammerly at 792-2050.

Lenten Holy Hour Devotion – participate in Liturgy of the Hours on Sunday evenings during Lent by serving as a Lector, or Altar Server. Contact Kathy Hammerly at 792-2050.

Prison Ministry – Lead Communion Service at Newton Correctional Facility's minimum security site on Sundays at 7:00 PM. For more information contact Fr. Reynolds at 792-2050.

Church Life Commission

Commissioner – Amanda Klein



Communication Ministry—We want to ensure good communication among all our parish groups and ministries. We also want to provide effective publicity for parish events and for our community. If God has given you skills in writing, design or public relations, please consider being a communications disciple.

Coffee Host/ess

- **Sunday Morning Coffee** – On Sundays parish members and guests are invited to coffee and rolls after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. A sign-up sheet is located in the kitchen in McCann Center for parish members wanting to serve as coffee hosts. Coffee Hosts make and serve the coffee and punch and clean up kitchen and dining area afterwards.
- **Friday Morning Coffee** – After the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays, members of the parish gather for visiting and refreshments. Volunteers bring the refreshments each week, make the coffee, serve, and clean up afterwards. A sign up sheet is located in the kitchen in McCann Center for parish members wanting to serve as coffee hosts.

Funeral Dinners – When a loved one dies, members of Sacred Heart Catholic Community offer support in many ways, such as the refreshments after the Evening Prayer Service and the funeral dinner. After the Evening Prayer Service, family and friends are invited to come to McCann Center for cookies, punch, coffee or tea. It gives the family a special time to visit with friends in a loving atmosphere. The coordinator is Katherine Dietrich.

Once the funeral service is finished, family and friends are invited to return to McCann Center for a meal. You may choose to participate in this ministry in several ways such as phone calling for desserts and salads, grocery shopping, preparation of food the day of the funeral, table setting, serving, and of course, clean up. Contact Funeral Dinner Coordinator, Char Townsend at 792-3639.

Potluck Luncheon - On the second Wednesday of the month, parishioners are invited to a potluck luncheon after the 11:30 AM Mass. Please bring a covered dish to share. The parish will provide table service and drinks. Come join us for this special parish gathering!

Reception/Office Ministry – to answer phones contact the Stewardship Office at 792-2050 and to assist with mailings contact Coordinator, Mary LaRosa.

Parish Receptions Ministry

- **First Communion Reception** – Contact Kathy Hammerly
- **Confirmation Reception** – Contact Kathy Hammerly
- **Graduation Reception** – Contact Kathy Hammerly
- **Wedding Receptions**—McCann Center is available to couples who are married at Sacred Heart Church. See Ann Ratliff at the parish office for a Rental Agreement.

Mardi Gras — Celebrate before Lent begins! Tickets are sold to enjoy a nice sit down dinner and entertainment. If you would like to help with the planning, selling tickets, decorating, or the clean up, join the Church Life Commission!

Trunk or Treat — Young children come dressed in their favorite costumes for candy, pizza and more! If you would like to decorate your own trunk, donate candy, or help out in any way please contact the Church Life Commission.

Welcoming Committee – contact new members of the parish and include them in parish activities. Call the Stewardship Office at 792-2050.

Family Life Commission

Commissioner – Suzy Trotter



Easter Fun – Every year, the Family Life Commission sponsors an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. If you would like to help organize the Easter Egg Hunt, contact the Family Life Commission.

May Crowning—The Family Life Commission gathers the children to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary with flowers. The children carry flowers during the Offertory Procession at Mass.

Greeting Card Ministry – making and sending cards to our home-bound parishioners. Contact coordinator, Rosie Murphy.

Grief Ministry – members meet the first Thursday of every other month. Members gather to pray, to learn more about death and the grieving process, and to assign a member from the Grief Ministry to call on those parishioners experiencing the death of a loved one. Grief Ministry hosts the All Saints/ All Souls Day service and supper to follow. Contact Grief Ministry Coordinator, Lois Vogel, to join us!

Seasons of Hope - The program is presented in weekly one and a half hour sessions for six weeks for each of the four seasons of support. Seasons of Hope is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions and practices of the Catholic Church. Seasons of Hope is facilitated by Deacon Dan Goetz and Kathy Hammerly.

Prayer Chain – be a part of a calling tree to pray for urgent needs of parishioners. Call Mary Pritchard at 792-3518 or Marilyn Lamb at 641-275-0020 or email Theresa Stewart at stewart4@iowatelecom.net.

Home Visitor to Parish Members

- **Homebound Parishioners** – visit and build a relationship with a home-bound parishioner. Call Lori Ward at 792-4242.
- **Parishioners living in Nursing Homes or Care Facilities** – call Lori Ward at 792-4242.

Prayers for the Engaged – when a couple begins preparation for marriage, they submit a picture and a parishioner will pray for them until they are married. Contact Kathy Hammerly, 792-2050 if you would be willing to pray for an engaged couple.

Marriage Preparation Team— sponsor couples preparing for marriage. Contact Fr. Reynolds or Deacon Dan Goetz.

Nursery/Childcare — During church activities call Kathy Hammerly at 792-2050 to find out how you can help.

Prayer Shawl Ministry — The Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers every Thursday morning at 9:30 AM to pray and to crochet prayer shawls. A Prayer Shawl is a beautiful way to comfort those who are hurting. Each Prayer Shawl is a unique and special gift designed to bring warmth and peace. Each Prayer Shawl is hand-crafted and prayers offered with every stitch. Several patterns will be available for you to choose. Patterns, yarn and crochet hooks will be provided. For more information, please contact coordinator, Alanna Wilson at her email address — shcprayershawlministry@yahoo.com.

Wedding Anniversary Blessings — couples celebrating wedding anniversary milestones (every 5 years – 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, and so on). Contact Ann Ratliff at the parish office, 792-2050 to schedule a blessing.

Social Action Commission

Commissioner – Lynn Keller



Crop Walk - Money raised is used to help with food programs, disaster relief. Twenty five percent of money raised stays in Jasper County (15% to Salvation Army, 10% to Food Pantries in Jasper County) and 75% will go to World Hunger Projects. Please contact Mission Coalition representative, Barbara Gannon at 641-840-2456 to participate.

Food Pantry – parishioners are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to Mass on the first weekend of each month. Food is placed in a box in the Gathering Space of the church. Food is donated to our local food pantry. Katherine Dietrich coordinates this ministry.

Jasper County Take Away Hunger – is a community wide effort to send food to the hungry in various countries around the world. Help is needed to participate in bagging meals, and to provide funds toward the effort. Cost to participate is \$30 per person with sponsorship money available. Contact the parish office for more information.

Thanksgiving Baskets - Food baskets are assembled before Thanksgiving and distributed to parish families and families in our community with special needs. All parishioners are invited to give a monetary donation for these families. All are also welcome to participate in assembling and distributing the baskets. Contact Coordinator, Tammy Cochran at 792-1507 if you have any questions.

Meals on Wheels – Sacred Heart is responsible for Meals on Wheels weekend deliveries one month a year. Contact Mission Coalition Representative, Barbara Gannon at 641-840-2456 for more information.

Mission Coalition Pie Sale – Sacred Heart Church supports Mission Coalition by donating pies to be sold at the McCann Center Flea Market in the fall. If you are a pie baker, contact our Mission Coalition Representative, Barbara Gannon at 641-840-2456.

Meals Ministry to the Ill and New Mothers – provide meals for families of newborns and families experiencing hardship. The Meals Ministers are those volunteers of our parish who enjoy cooking for others. These ministers offer comfort and encouragement by preparing and delivering a nice meal. Through this ministry, many feel the compassion and love of our Sacred Heart Catholic community. If you or someone you know would like to be part of the Meals Ministry, please contact Tina Stammeyer, Meals Ministry Coordinator, at johntinastam@gmail.com.

El Salvador Mission Trip – is usually taken during the week of Spring Break. This is a huge undertaking! Here are many ways to support this effort:

- **Participants** – include representatives from the medical field, nurses, doctors, dentists, optometrists, and others willing to serve the very poor. Typically, participants pay for their own airplane ticket.
- **Diapers for Baby Bundles** – T-shirt donations, those willing to cut and seamstress needed to sew them together.
- **Baby Bundles** – Given to new mothers. Includes baby items: receiving blankets, onsies, diaper pins, washcloths, outfits, and socks.
- **Eye glasses** – used eyeglasses are collected to grade, repair, clean and package.
- **Supplies** – donations include: toothbrushes and toothpaste, toiletries, vitamins, pain relievers, eye drops, stomach aids, ointments and creams, and educational supplies.
- **Monetary gifts** – used to install clean water systems.
- **Coffee project** – coffee grown in El Salvador is sold locally with proceeds returned to the growers.

Call Lee and Veronica Mangrich at 792-0082 or lmangrich@gmail.com and learn how you can be part of this mission to the very poor.

Faith Journey – is a nine day mission trip scheduled every summer for Senior High youth and adults. Interested participants spend the year fundraising. Fundraising opportunities include: cinnamon roll sales, waffle breakfasts, bake sales, dessert sales during the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, and others. Contact Emilee Steinbach at 641-521-0673 if you are interested in going on Faith Journey or helping with any of our fundraising opportunities.

Labels for Education – Parishioners save the UPC from Campbell's products and place them in the collection box located on the credenza in McCann Center. The education labels are sent off to All Saints Catholic School in Davenport. The labels help them purchase play ground equipment and other fun stuff for their classrooms. Coordinators are Janna and Natalie Balek.

Operation Rice Bowl – During Lent, families are encouraged to eat one smaller than average meal per week, and donate the money that would have been spent for a regular meal to Operation Rice Bowl. A bowl-shaped bank used to save the money, are available in the Gathering Space during Lent. Catholic Relief Services use the money to help teach and feed children and families in under-developed countries around the world.

School Supply Drive – More and more, students come to class in need of supplies and other materials. Often teachers have to buy these additional items for their students. The first few weeks of August, the Social Action Commission collects supplies for the local schools and donates them the week before school starts.

Right to Life Activities – Coordinator, Barb Mickelson

- **Baby Shower** - Social Action Commission will 'host' a baby shower with gifts being donated to an organization that respects the sanctity of life and assists struggling parents in need.
- **Mother's Day Plant Sale** – Beautiful bedding plants and hanging baskets are available to purchase after Mass Mother's Day weekend. Proceeds are donated to Jasper County Right to Life.
- **Roe vs Wade** – January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

Advent Caring Tree - The Advent Caring Tree offers an opportunity to purchase Christmas presents for Sacred Heart members who are homebound or in a nursing home. It also provides a chance to participate in the Newton Ministerial Association's mission of ensuring that each nursing home resident in Newton will receive a present during the Christmas season. The decorated tree is located in the Gathering Space. Parishioners are invited to take a card from the tree and to purchase a gift for the person whose name is on the card.

Angel Tree – Sacred Heart families are encouraged to donate for the Salvation Army Christmas Drive. Unwrapped items should be placed under the Angel Tree in the Gathering Space.

- Toys/gifts for older children (ages 11-14)
- New clothing in children's sizes 12, 14, or 16
- Games/puzzles that families can play or work on together

Faith Formation Commission

Commissioner – Charity Noe



Faith Formation Ministry Opportunities

Faith Formation is the responsibility of the entire parish. Each of us is called by God to do our part to “go and make disciples.” In our parish there are many opportunities to help spread the Good News. Please give prayerful consideration to sharing your time, talents and giftedness by taking part in one or more of our faith formation ministry opportunities. By doing so, you will grow in your faith and

helps others to do so too.

Peer Group Learning — Resources and training is provided by parish staff to empower disciples to pass on the faith in multitude of settings.

- **K-6 Small Group Catechist** — 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays
- **Substitute Catechist** — 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays
- **Resource Assistant** — Assists setting up classrooms & prepares resources for Faith Formation classes on Wednesday nights.
- **7-8 Grade Small Group Catechist** — Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- **Senior High Small Group Leader** — Sundays 7:00—8:30 p.m.
- **RCIA Catechists/Team Members**
- **Catholics Returning Home Team**
- **Bible Study or Small Faith Sharing Group Facilitator**
- **SHARE Pre-school Helper**

Monthly Parish Wide Meal & Faith Formation Enrichment Session — First Wednesday of each month during the school year. Meal is from 5:15—6:00 p.m. with a presentation on a teaching of the Catholic Faith to follow from 6:00—7:00 p.m.

- **Kitchen Help with Meals** — Help set up tables and serve food for the meal. Clean up after the meal. Contact Tim Stammeyer or Luke Gregory

Sacramental Preparation

- **Childcare** — Provides childcare during the First Sacraments family sessions for younger family members. Contact Kathy Hammerly.

Youth Activities

- **Transportation** — Provide rides to and from youth activities held away from the church property.
- **Food** — Donate and/or prepare snacks for youth activities.
- **Chaperone** — Serve as an adult chaperone to a group of youth for service projects, social activities, or special events.

Other

- **Vacation Bible School** — is held shortly after the academic year is completed each spring. Children, from 4 years of age through those who have just completed the 5th grade, participate in this program. Many adults and youth who have completed the 6th grade or older contribute to the success of this program for our parish's small disciples. Contact Tim Stammer at 792-2050.
- **Parish Library** — Current DVD's, CD's and books are available in our library after all Masses. Contact our librarian, Kay Fisher.

Maintenance Committee

Committee Chair — Dean Baker



Flower Garden Ministry — several flower beds around our church need to be adopted every spring: the planter by the street, the area around the rectory, the area north of the entrance of the church, the area under the library window, the area around the light pole, and the areas on the north and south of the McCann Center doors. Please contact Kathy Hammerly, Stewardship Coordinator, at 792-2050 if you would be willing to plant flowers and pull weeds.

Lawn Care — several parishioners take turns every week trimming the lawn. Call Dean Baker at 792-5117 if you would be willing to take a turn.

Spring Clean Up — Every spring, parishioners get together and clean up the church grounds by picking up debris, raking, and cutting away branches and twigs. Check the bulletin for dates and times, or contact Dean Baker.

Children's Ministries thru 4th grade



Service Projects

- El Salvador Mission donations
- Rice Bowl
- Ronald McDonald House Pop tab collections
- Food Pantry Sunday
- Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need
- Angel Tree & Advent Caring Tree donations
- Kids Against Hunger

Youth Ministries 5th grade & up

Nursery/Childcare (with adult)

Hospitality/Greeter (with adult)

Vacation Bible School Helper (7th grade & up)

Faith Formation Assistant (7th grade & up)

Lawn and Garden Work (with adult)

Liturgy Ministries

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** as Song Leader, Lector, or Musician
- **Altar Server**

Service Projects

- El Salvador Mission
- Ronald McDonald House Pop-tab Collections
- Rice Bowl
- Food Pantry Sunday
- Angel and Advent Caring Tree donations
- Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need
- Kids Against Hunger

Senior High Ministries

Nursery/Childcare (with adult)

Vacation Bible School Helper

Faith Formation Assistant

Lawn and Garden Work

Liturgy Ministries

- **Hospitality/Greeter**
- **Choir** - Voice and Instrumental
- **Lector** for Mass or Vespers
- **Song Leader** for Mass
- **Accompanist** for Mass
- **Altar Server** for Mass or Vespers
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** as Song Leader, Lector, or Musician

Service Projects

- Faith Journey
- El Salvador Mission
- Ronald McDonald House Pop-tab Collections
- Rice Bowl
- Food Pantry Sunday
- Angel and Advent Caring Tree donations
- Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need

Other Church Related Organizations

Flea Market— the McCann Flea Market is held annually on a Saturday in October. All proceeds from table rental, the rummage room, and food sales go towards the Sacred Heart Parish Scholarships that are awarded every May to graduating seniors. Contact JoAnne Price at 792-7465.

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Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's organization dedicated to strengthening families, communities, countries, and church, based on the four principals of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Membership is open to practicing Catholic men 18 years old or older. Applications for membership may be obtained from any Knight. Meeting night is the second Tuesday of each month, beginning with supper at 6:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 204 1/2 N. 2nd Ave West. Contact Grand Knight, Brian Schwenker.

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Sacred Heart Cemetery — Sacred Heart Cemetery has been at the service of the Newton Catholic Community for over 100 years. The Cemetery is located west of Newton across from Bittersweet Acres. This lovely, quiet spot is maintained by your annual contributions. For information call Paul Muller at 792-2166.

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SHARE Preschool — The mission of Sacred Heart parish includes assisting parents in the development of their children. To carry out this mission, we offer preschoolers a Christian setting in which to grow, learn, and to develop physically, intellectually, spiritual, emotionally and socially.

There are three sessions offered:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday—8:30—11:15 a.m.
- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday— 12:00—2:45 p.m.
- Wednesday & Friday—8:45—11:15 a.m.

Call Brooke Soppe at 792-8639 for more information.

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McCann Village Apartments — Almost thirty years ago, Sacred Heart Catholic Community sponsored and now manages a HUD subsidized senior citizen housing project called McCann Village. The apartment complex has 80 units and is located south of the church grounds. For more information call Kathi Thompson at McCann Village, 792-3018.

