# A Call to Ministry 2023







God has blessed us with so many good things: our life, health, family, friends, education, our basic needs, our faith and our salvation in Jesus Christ. As a response to our many blessings, we have a duty to offer our time, talent, treasure and praise to God. This is what stewardship means, an all-encompassing lifestyle of total accountability to God through responsible Christian living. Please take time to read through the many ways you can serve in our parish found on the back of this page. If you wish, you can take this sheet home with you. We will provide training for you.

#### **Our Ministries, Organizations, and Committees**

Please check off any areas you wish to serve in or receive more information about. Place it in the collection box at the entrance to the church. The volunteer coordinator will contact you to discuss training and sign up.

Only new ministry volunteers or those who are changing or adding ministries should fill this out.

#### **Liturgical Ministries**

- \_ Greeter
- \_ Lector
- \_ Eucharistic Minister
- \_ Usher
- \_ Music
- \_ Altar Server
- Adult Server for Funerals
- \_ Leader of Prayer for Funerals

#### **Children's Ministry**

Liturgy of the Word with Children

### **Youth & Young Adult Ministries**

Youth Events

#### **Faith Formation**

- RCIA (Adults / Children) Team
- \_ Sacramental Preparation Team
- **Confirmation Preparation Team**
- \_ Baptism Preparation Team
- Adult Faith Education
- (i.e. Bible Study, Movie Night)

#### **Committees**

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Arts & Environment Committee
- Community Life Committee
- \_ Building and Grounds
  - Committee

## **Pastoral Care**

- \_ Home Visitor
- \_ Hospital Ministry
- \_ Prison Ministry
- Prayer Laudator

#### **Organizations**

- Catholic Women's League
- \_ Knights of Columbus
- Faith and Light
- Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Name:	Email:
Phone:	Preferred Mass time(s) to serve (if applicable):
Do you have any other talents you wish to share with us?	

# **Brief Descriptions of Our Ministries, Organizations, and Committees**

For a more detailed job description of any ministry please contact the parish office 780-459-6691 or StAlbert.StAlbert@caedm.ca

## **Liturgical Ministries**

**Usher** – Helps individuals find a seat, recruits people to take up the collection, and helps in preparing materials for Mass and Baptisms. May assist in greeting too.

**Greeter** – Outgoing personality, Comes to Mass early to greet the worshipping the community as they enter the church. Greeters may also serve as ushers.

**Lector** – Effectively proclaims Sacred Scripture during the Liturgy of the Word in the Mass. Lectors will receive training as needed.

**Eucharistic Minister** – Assists the ordinary ministers of communion (the deacon, priest or bishop) in the distribution of the Eucharist at Mass. Training will be given as needed.

**Music** – Singers, cantors, leaders of song, pianists, organists, guitarists, and other instrumentalists, who offer their talents in liturgical celebrations

**Altar Server** – Children who have received their first Communion and are in Grade 3 or older. Assists the priest at Mass. Training takes place as needed.

**Adult Server for Funerals** – Assists primarily at funeral liturgies preparing materials. Adult servers may also assist at the weekend Masses if youth altar servers are not present.

Leader of Prayer for Funerals – Leads vigil prayers for funerals. Special training is required.

**Liturgy of the Word Leaders** – Leads Liturgies of the Word in a variety of settings.

# **Children's Ministry**

**Liturgy of the Word with Children during Mass** - Leads the Liturgy of the Word with Children during the Sunday 9am or 11am Masses. Catechists read the gospel of the day, lead prayers, and facilitate activities.

#### **Faith Formation**

**RCIA Team** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) – This is the process through which adults are prepared for initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA sessions are held on Sunday afternoons from 11am to 1pm. RCIA Team Members/Sponsors are practicing Catholics who help facilitate sessions, and may provide hospitality and act as a sponsor.

**RCIA Adapted for Children Team(Sept-April)** (Christian Initiation for Children) – This is the process through which children age 7 and above are prepared for initiation into the Catholic Church. CIC sessions are held on Sunday at noon. CIC Team Members/Sponsors are practicing Catholics who help facilitate sessions, and may provide hospitality and act as a sponsor.

**Baptism Preparation Team** – Under the direction of the Pastor and the Pastoral Team, Baptismal Preparation Team Members facilitate the preparation sessions. There are 5 preparation sessions each year on a Saturday from 9-11am.

**Sacramental Preparation Team** – Assists in implementing instruction of children in grade 2 and above who are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Preparation sessions take place from 6:30-8:00 pm from September to March.

**Confirmation Preparation Team** – Assists in implementing instruction of children in grade 6 and above who are preparing for Confirmation. Preparation sessions take place from 6:30-8:00 pm from October to March. There are two full day retreats.

**Adult Faith Education** – Assists the coordinator in facilitating adult faith education opportunities such as Bible Study and Movie Night.

#### **Committees**

**Parish Pastoral Council** – Provides pastoral insight to the pastor and animates the pastoral life of the parish in conjunction with the parish priest.

**Arts & Environment Committee** – Assists with decorating the church space according to the liturgical season. **Community Life Committee** – The Community Life Committee helps to promote a welcoming, receptive and active social environment in the parish by planning and implementing various social events, celebrations and activities occurring at the parish. The Community Life Committee Member assists in the planning and organization of these events.

**Building and Grounds Committee** – Under the direction of the Pastor, the Building and Grounds Committee oversees the maintenance and repair of the Parish buildings and grounds. They ensure that the Church building and its surroundings remain in good repair so that they are a safe environment for the parish staff, parishioners and those that visit the parish. The Building and Grounds Committee Member assists in this role.

#### **Pastoral Care**

**Home Visitor** – Visit the sick or shut-in persons in their homes or the hospital. Bring communion to the sick and shut-ins.

**Hospital Ministry** – Ministry to those in health care institutions in our parish. Volunteers will be connected with the coordinators in each institution as specialized training is required.



**Prison Ministry** – Ministry to those in correctional institutions. Volunteers will be connected with the coordinators in each institution.

**Prayer Laudator** – Prays for specific prayer requests sent to the parish office.

## **Organizations**

**Catholic Women's League** - The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God especially in the parish community.





**Knights of Columbus** – Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

We offer our time, talent, treasure and praise as a response to our faith and the many blessings God has given us. This is what stewardship means, an all-encompassing lifestyle of total accountability to God through responsible Christian living.

Please prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts in the parish community and please sign up.