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**SJB Administration****IT/TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT**

This committee offers guidance and support to ensure that the parish and school remain current with technology while being financially prudent. Individuals with technical knowledge of computers, both hardware and software or cloud based applications, would be appreciated.

**CONTACT:** Lisa Schoneman, 892-4006, l Schoneman@sjbplymouth.org

**PARISH OFFICE HELP**

The parish staff appreciates occasional help with mailings, stuffing bulletins, and other odd jobs.

**CONTACT:** Mary Ditter, 892-4006, sjbparish@sjbplymouth.org

**SCRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRAM**

Scrip raises funds for the parish, school and faith formation program. Volunteers sell scrip, count money, enter and fill orders, manage inventory, pick up scrip, maintain scrip records, coordinate volunteers, and advertise the program.

**CONTACT:** Katie Kleiber, 526-3085; Pat Moriarity, 526-8017  
sjbscrip@gmail.com

**SJB Buildings & Grounds****BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

This committee monitors facility maintenance and makes prudent use of financial resources to keep building and grounds in good physical condition.

**CONTACT:** Warren Wieser, 892-4436, wwieser@wi.rr.com

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Help needed for grounds maintenance.

**CONTACT:** Jerry Huss, 893-5086

In compliance with Archdiocese of Milwaukee policy, all volunteers working with children must complete the **Safeguarding All of God's Family** program. Contact your parish office for details.

**SJB Faith Formation - Youth****CONTACTS**

Grade School Faith Formation Director:

Amy Albers, 892-6015 ext. 107, aalbers@sjbplymouth.org

High School: Faith Formation Director:

Erin Gross, 892-6015 ext. 109, egross@sjbplymouth.org

Faith Formation Administrative Assistant:

Nancy Kultgen, 892-6015 ext. 121, nkultgen@sjbplymouth.org

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a liturgical experience that opens young children (ages 3-7) to hear and respond to God's Word in ways that enable them to be nurtured and challenged, and to grow in knowledge of Scripture. Children meet as part of the 9:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday, September-May.

**CONTACT:** pastoralministries@sjbplymouth.org for more information.

**CATECHISTS GRADES 1-8 / GRADES 9-11**

Catechists build a foundation and inspire our students to become engaged, faith-filled Catholics, living out their Baptismal promises. Some catechists prefer to team-teach with another individual; team teaching allows the catechists to share different experiences and is always encouraged!

**Grades 1-8**

- Grades 1-5 catechists use the *Alive in Christ* program to nurture and develop the faith of our young students. Grades 6-8 catechists use *The Catholic Connections* program to help students continue to expand their knowledge of our faith and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
- Classes typically meet for 1 ½ hours (6-7:30PM), alternating Wednesdays, September-April.

**Grades 9-11**

- Grade 9 studies Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer from *The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth*.
- Grade 10 studies the Mass, Theology of the Body, and begins their journey towards Confirmation.
- Grade 11 continues towards their Confirmation studying from *The Chosen Program* and doing volunteer work around the community.
- Classes typically meet for 1 ½ hours (7-8:30PM), alternating Wednesdays, September-April.

**SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST/CLASSROOM AIDE**

Individuals are occasionally needed to fill in for catechists at various grade levels. Some catechists request an aide to facilitate learning depending on the grade or number of students.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HELP**

Assist with phones, copies, etc. on one or more Wednesday evenings per month.

**SJB Human Concerns****CARING CAB MINISTRY**

This volunteer driving ministry supports individuals who need transportation to church services, and healthcare appointments. Rides are pre-scheduled.

**CONTACT:** Karen Anderson, 892-4849

**FRIENDS ARE BLESSINGS**

This group offers fellowship for those who have lost a spouse. A meal is shared at a restaurant after the 4:00 p.m. Mass once a month. Rides are available.

**CONTACT:** Maureen Bruegger, 892-4195

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY**

This ministry is for the intentions of others. It supports the prayer needs of our parish.

**CONTACT:** Kate Herman, 893-0937

**PRAYER SHAWLS**

Use your crochet/knitting skills to make prayer shawls for those in need. Shawls are distributed by the Bereavement and other ministries

**CONTACT:** Josette Switter, 946-1709, jswitter@excel.net

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, SJB CONFERENCE**

The Society is for people just like you who desire to serve others as Jesus served. We need your talents, gifts and skills in various areas. Anyone who is willing to lend a hand is welcome to join. All we ask is that you donate some time in works of charity and for a regular meeting. Contact us for more information on how you can assist those in need in your community. Christ has just knocked on your door...

**CONTACT:** SVdP Outreach, 892-4913, outreach@svdpplymouth.org

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

*These activities are not directly affiliated with St. John the Baptist but are supported by our parishioners.*

**House of Peace, Milwaukee**

This ministry supports the homeless of Milwaukee with warm coats, hats, mittens, scarves and blankets. Individuals are needed to coordinate SJB's participation in this ministry/outreach.

**CONTACT:** Mary Steger, 892-8836, msteger@excel.net

**Plymouth Food Pantry**

Provides food to needy families in the Plymouth area. Area churches alternate weeks filling and distributing food bags. Open monthly, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 9 a.m.-Noon and 2-4 p.m.

**CONTACT:** Dave Majerus, 893-2989, majerusdj@gmail.com

**The Welcome Table**

Provides a free meal to those in the community in need of food and fellowship on Tuesday evenings at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Our parish supports six meals throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and share in the meal.

**CONTACT:** Kathy Halloran, 892-4818, halloranka@gmail.com  
Monica Kleinhans, 893-0450, mrkleinhans12@gmail.com

**SJB Liturgy & Worship****ALTAR SERVERS (GRADE 5 AND UP)**

Assist Father during weekend and Holy Day Masses.

**CONTACT:** Nicci McEvoy, 893-5704, niccimcevoy@icloud.com

**CHOIR - CLASSIC**

The Classic Choir has a 100-year plus history of enriching our parish worship through traditional, prayerful song. This friendly group always welcomes new members to be part of SJB's musical tradition and heritage.

- Rehearsals are Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Sept.-May.

**CONTACT:** Scott Dedlow, 892-4006, sdedlow@sjbplymouth.org

**CHOIR - FOLK CHOIR**

Celebrating its 30th year together, the Folk Choir includes over 35 vocalists and instrumentalists playing piano, guitar, viola, violin, flutes, accordion, mandolin, and percussion.

- Practices typically occur 1.5 hours prior to Mass and occasional Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m.

**CONTACT:** Cindy Howley, 207-7583, howleycindy@gmail.com

**CHURCH ART & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

The committee plans the liturgical environment and does the set-up and take-down per schedule according to the changing seasons and feasts of the liturgical year.

- Planning meetings are scheduled as needed with dates and set-up times sent out one month prior to each season.

**CONTACT:** Scott Dedlow, 892-4006, sdedlow@sjbplymouth.org

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AT MASS**

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, commonly known as Communion Distributors, assist the priest in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to the congregation during Mass. Communion Distributors must be confirmed in the Catholic faith.

**CONTACT:** Ed Lenn, 893-8450, elenn@wi.rr.com

**GREETER MINISTRY**

Greet parishioners and guests as they enter for Mass.

**CONTACT:** Chris Gumm, 893-3043

**LECTOR**

The Lector proclaims the readings to the congregation and leads them in the Prayers of the Faithful. Workbooks available for guidance and preparation.

**CONTACT:** Adam Schneider, 901-4411, adam@conceptworks.biz

**SACRISTAN**

Sacristans assist the priest in preparation for Mass and Sacraments by preparing the altar, credence and gifts table. Those who serve in this capacity are dedicated to liturgical and sacramental protocol.

**CONTACT:** Michael Switter, 892-4272, msvitter@exel.net

**USHERS**

Ushers escort people to pews and are visible contacts for those needing assistance.

**CONTACT:** Michael Penkwitz, ushers@sjbplymouth.org

**SJB Parish Activities****BASKETBALL COACH - HIGH SCHOOL**

High school age teams play in the LTAA league against area teams from West Bend, Mayville, Wau-pun, Lomira, and Plymouth. The teams are supported by the Knights of Columbus, player fees, tournament sponsors and SJB.

- Practices/open gym: Tuesday nights
- Games: Sunday afternoons.

**CONTACT:** Bryan Smith, 838-3101, bsmith2415@wi.rr.com

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN**

Christian Women, working together in faith, reach out to others to bring happiness and support where there is a need. Activities include nursing home activities, mission quilting, serving for funerals, and fund raising events for needs of the church, school and more.

- Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of Feb., April, June, Sept., Nov., 6:45 pm, preceded by the Rosary, church hall

**CONTACT:** Josette Switter, 946-1709, jswitter@excel.net

**FISH FRYS**

Every Friday of Lent (except Good Friday), SJB Parish sponsors fish frys. Proceeds help support school and parish related activities through a cooperative effort with group volunteers who donate desserts and work serving, busing and cleaning.

- Volunteers are needed to organize everything from kitchen and dining room coordinators to advertising. Kitchen workers/cooks are also needed.

**CONTACT:** Pat Kulow, 893-8997

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, PLYMOUTH COUNCIL 1789**

The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to promoting concepts of "CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY and PATRIOTISM."

- The main charity of Council 1789 is to the students and members of SJB and STA parishes. The Knights sponsor and support many youth and adult activities both within and outside of the parishes.
- Meetings: 1st Tuesday of month, 7 p.m., SJB parish office.

**CONTACT:** John Pfankuch, 893-9592, jpfankuch@wi.rr.com

**ROAD AMERICA CONCESSION STAND**

Celebrating 60 years, the SJB concession stand at Road America race track supports parish and school ministries in a fun and energetic environment. Volunteers are needed to work on specific race dates.

**CONTACT:** Debbie Hertel or Deidra Hartman, Stand Managers, 892-4006, rastand@sjbplymouth.org

**VOLLEYBALL, ADULT**

Open adult volleyball is a fun way to get together for recreation with other parish and community members. Teams are set as people show up. Come when you can.

- Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., first week in October through the first Wednesday in May.

**CONTACT:** Mike & Vicki Smith, 892-6599

**SJB School****ATHLETICS/EXTRACURRICULAR**

Provides opportunities for students to participate in athletics and/or other extracurricular opportunities. There are several volunteer opportunities including: basketball tournament host, drivers for forensic meets, volleyball or basketball team coordinator, chess tournament help, and more!

**CONTACT:** SJB school office, 893-5961.

**AUCTION COMMITTEE - (FOR 2017)**

Individuals are needed to serve on various subcommittees that make this important biannual school fundraiser a success. Volunteers are needed for multi-media, display/decorations, set-up, tear-down, invitations and reservations, publicity, catalog, advertising, cashier, raffle, solicit and secure donations

**CONTACT:** Kent and Kelly Bindl, 207-9594, krbindl@hotmail.com  
Aron and Sarah Jarr, 892-7043, sarah.jarr@kohler.com

**HOME AND SCHOOL**

Plans activities that engage students and teachers, and the school family as a whole. Each family contributes volunteer hours to the school, and this committee is one of the vehicle that helps facilitates these opportunities. Also coordinates some of the largest fundraisers, plans school lock-ins, Catholic Schools Week activities, Lenten giving chain, cards/gifts for Rocky Knoll, and more.

**Contact:** Nikki Schneider, nikkileeschneider@gmail.com

*The Stewardship Opportunities listed in this catalog are available throughout the year and most can be joined at any time.*

*Feel free to:*

- Stop by your parish office for a Stewardship Form.
- Call the contacts listed, or your home parish office.
- Print a Stewardship Form from your parish website.

## SJB & STA Pastoral Ministries

*Pastoral Ministries works with parishioners to offer additional ministries to both parishes. We encourage you to donate some of your time and talent to the ministries listed below.*

**CONTACT** Parish Office, 892-4006, or as noted in certain ministries.  
(SJB) pastoralministries@sjbplymouth.org, (STA) STApastoralministries@frontier.com

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Join with other adults in knowing and living our faith. Various activities, programs, and events for growing in our Catholic faith. Volunteer opportunities in program leadership, set up, and coordination. Interest in attending programs.

### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

This is a liaison between the Church and families who are experiencing the death of a loved one. It offers personal condolences, visits and phone calls; card ministry, sending personal cards from parish; CARE NOTES booklets pertaining to grief; and distributes prayer shawls and grief education.

**CONTACT:** Mary Rudolph, 892-4368  
BereavementMinistry@frontier.com

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Study Sacred Scripture with others growing in the Word of God. Volunteer opportunities in Bible study leadership, set up, and program coordination.

### **COMPASSIONATE HEARTS MINISTRY**

Reach out to the spiritual and physical needs of our parish family with love, patience, kindness, generosity, hope and prayer-filled support. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we bring comfort and care to those who are sick, home-bound, and suffering.

### **ELDER MINISTRY – “YOUNG AT HEART”**

Join with other mature adults for fellowship and life-enhancing opportunities and events. Volunteer to be on the ministry committee, help with planning events or support activities.

**CONTACT:** Bev Verhulst, 876-2501

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

“Prayer Warriors” sign-up to spend a designated hour with our Lord. Also volunteer to help with Adoration Room care, scheduling, and monitoring.

### **MARRIAGE MINISTRY**

Volunteer to lead programs in marriage enrichment, pre-marriage education and care for the divorced or separated. Be a marriage mentor couple, be on the ministry committee, or help with program coordination.

### **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Recognizing all life is a masterpiece of God’s Creation. Includes activities and events that respect all life from conception to natural death. Volunteer to help with events, be on the ministry committee, support activities, or pray.

**CONTACT:** Sue & Joe Palus  
palusjs@aol.com

### **RCIA / RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Volunteers are needed to help instruct adults, be parish sponsors, and assist in program coordination.

### **ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

Join with others in praying the Rosary before Mass, volunteer to lead the Rosary, or help with scheduling and coordination of prayer.

### **DIVORCE MINISTRY**

The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide Ministry is for those of you who are recently divorced or divorced for many years. While there is no such thing as a catholic divorce, Catholics do civilly divorce. You are not alone and you still have a seat at the table of the Catholic Church. This ministry encourages healing through the Sacraments where you will personally encounter Christ - with all His love and tender mercies. This ministry is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. This is an 8 week ministry that is offered twice a year.

## STA Administration

**CONTACT** Christine Holzmann  
876-2457, st.thomas.aquinas@frontier.com

### **COMPUTER SUPPORT**

Individuals with technical knowledge of computers, both hardware and software, would be appreciated for the parish and faith formation.

### **HOLY DUSTERS**

Parishioners that offer their time every other Friday after the 8 a.m. Mass to dust, wash windows and do minimal cleaning. Social time afterwards with muffins/donuts and coffee.

### **PARISH OFFICE HELP**

• Help is needed on occasion with stuffing bulletins and envelopes.

## STA Buildings & Grounds

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

We need parishioners with experience in the trades to assist with occasional building repair and grounds keeping projects. Your expertise may also be called upon to assist in evaluation of larger projects that will be contracted out to local businesses.

- Carpentry
- Electrician
- HVAC
- Plumber
- Gardening/Flowers
- Landscaping
- Meetings: scheduled, as needed, 3-4 per year.

**CONTACT:** Marlow Schubert, 876-2457  
st.thomas.aquinas@frontier.com

In compliance with Archdiocese of Milwaukee policy, all volunteers working with children must complete the **Safeguarding All of God’s Family** program. Contact your parish office for details.

## STA Faith Formation - Youth

### **FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM - 1ST-11TH GRADE**

Our goal is to support parents and families in the guardianship of their child’s Faith. “Parents are the principle and first educators of their child’s Faith.” (CCC #1653) We are continually expanding and improving our curriculum for 1st - 11th grades. Our lesson plans are set up to build upon each other from one year to the next, to better prepare the individual student for the Sacrament of Confirmation and eventually for a lifelong commitment to their Faith. Our lesson plans are supplemented with retreats and independent learning.

Our goals are:

- Prepare each individual student for the Sacraments with a full understanding of its purpose.
- Encourage each student to foster a relationship with God through prayer, knowledge and Sacraments.
- Empower students to make the connection between Faith and daily living.
- Encourage students to serve God by Mass participation and service to the Church.

We offer various opportunities for parents and volunteers to become involved in our program without making a weekly commitment.

**CONTACT:** Lisa Gross, sta.ff@frontier.com

## STA Parish Activities

### **BAPTISM GIFTS**

STA offers a beautiful variety bag of items for newly baptized babies which includes a blanket, play items, bibs, crocheted/knit items and a cross.

Volunteers are needed to help make items.

**CONTACT:** Parish Office, 876.2457, st.thomas.aquinas@frontier.com

### **CHRISTIAN WOMEN**

Our goal is to foster fellowship amongst the women of our parish for the purpose of Evangelization, Stewardship, Building Faith, and Promoting Spiritual Life. We have several task committees:

- Fellowship/Social Life
- Fundraising
- Kitchen/Funeral Committee
- Missions & Local Charities
- Prayer Guild
- Welcoming Committee

**CONTACT:** Diane Wagner, 876-2915

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, PLYMOUTH COUNCIL 1789**

STA members are encouraged to participate in the Plymouth Council whose activities support both parishes. See page 5.

### **HUMAN CONCERNS**

- Distribute communion weekly to local nursing homes and to the homebound.
- Visit parish members in nursing homes and those who are homebound.
- Mail cards to those who have received sacraments, graduates, holiday cards to nursing home residents and homebound, get well cards to the ill and those who have had surgery and sympathy cards to families after loss of a loved one.
- Meetings posted in bulletin as needed. Phone calls made to volunteers for ideas and project planning.

**CONTACT:** Cecilia Petrie, 526-3855

### **PRAYER SHAWLS**

Crocheted/knitted prayer shawls come in all different patterns and colors; these are handed out to ill parishioners and a family member that is dealing with a death. Volunteers are needed to make shawls.

**CONTACT:** Parish Office, 876-2457, st.thomas.aquinas@frontier.com

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

SVdP is a Catholic organization of lay persons which seeks to develop holiness of members and to help those in need. SVdP has been in Elkhart Lake since the 80's and offers a wide variety of services to the hungry, homeless, poor, sick, lonely and suffering.

**CONTACT:** Sandra Robb, 893-5735; Gerry Kulow, 876-2171

## ***STA Spiritual Life & Worship***

### **ALTAR SERVERS (GRADE 5 AND UP)**

Assist Father during weekend Masses and Holy Days.

**CONTACT:** Parish Office, 876-2457, st.thomas.aquinas@frontier.com

### **CHOIR AND MUSIC MINISTRIES**

You don't have to have a great voice! All you have to do is be able to carry a tune, and enjoy praising the Lord with song! If you can't read music very well, that's okay! We will teach you. You will have fun and gain new friends! Duties include:

- Leading the congregation in song at Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses
- Cantors – to lead the Responsorial Psalm
- Practices: Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m., (not in summer)
- Instrumentalists (guitar, piano, organ, flute, clarinet, etc.) are also welcome to join. We will find opportunities to fit you into the music

**CONTACT:** Janell Nielsen, 876-2360, altojan@gmail.com

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Extraordinary Ministers have the important ministry of distributing the Eucharist and the Precious Blood of our Lord to the congregation at every Mass. Preferences for Saturday or Sunday Masses can be accommodated.

**CONTACT:** Parish Office, 876-2457, st.thomas.aquinas@frontier.com

### **LECTORS**

Lectors are a very important ministry. We proclaim the written word of God from the Bible to the congregation at every Mass. All that is required is the ability to read the word of God, calmly, slowly, with expression, confidence and faith. Workbooks available for guidance and preparation.

**CONTACT:** Parish Office, 876-2457, st.thomas.aquinas@frontier.com

### **SACRISTAN**

Sacristans are needed to help set the altar up before Mass. Sacristans must be at church at least 20 minutes before Mass begins.

**CONTACT:** Parish Office, 876-2457, st.thomas.aquinas@frontier.com

### **USHERS**

Greet and receive people into the Church and escort people to pews. Facilitate offertory collection and communion distribution

**CONTACT:** Parish Office, 876-2457, st.thomas.aquinas@frontier.com