

Strengthening our Community of Faith

Stewardship Renewal
Ministry Catalog
2014-2015

Time
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- American Red Cross - Heartland Chapter (402) 721-2386
- Boy Scouts (402) 753-3813
- Girl Scouts (402) 721-4599
- Care Corps, Inc. Homeless Services (402) 721-3125
- Low Income Ministry (402) 721-3284
- Meals on Wheels (402) 721-4444
- Salvation Army (402) 721-0930

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Spending Time with God in Prayer

Prayer is the foundation of stewardship. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.

THE GOOD STEWARD PRAYS

The connection between prayer and stewardship is very deep. Without the grace and spiritual energy that results from prayer, it is difficult to truly invest ourselves in God’s work.

At the very least, all Catholics should attend Mass on Sundays and spend some time each day in quiet, uninterrupted prayer. But being truly prayerful goes beyond that. If prayer, as the Catechism teaches, is “lifting mind and heart to God” then our whole lives can be filled with prayer. Daily actions, done with love, can become prayerful.

In the end, prayer prepares us spiritually to do things we didn’t think were possible, and to do the Will of God. Are you satisfied with your prayer life? Does your family pray together regularly? Is God calling you to spend more time with Him during our Stewardship Renewal? Listen to your heart and challenge yourself and your family to live a more Christ-centered existence.

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

Using My Talents in Parish Ministries

You can read about the ministries listed in this Stewardship booklet. When you sign up for a new ministry, the leader will call to explain how to get involved.

ACTING WITH LOVE

There is a story that Mother Theresa once visited one of her convents only to hear the sisters report that there was not enough time in the day to do their charitable work. “Then you must pray more,” was her response. The sisters added another full hour to their prayer schedules, and afterwards found that they had adequate time for their important work with the poor.

At St. Patrick’s, we ask all parishioners to serve in at least one ministry, and we recognize the importance of serving prayerfully. Prayer inspires us to act with love, and sustains us when the going gets

tough. "How is God calling you to serve?"

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Making a Consistent Gift to the Offertory

In thanksgiving for God's gifts, each household at St. Patrick's is asked to give an amount of their income based on Biblical tithe.

A PRAYFUL OFFERING

As early as Genesis, there is a very strong connection between worship and sacrifice, between honoring God and giving him "first fruits." Even today, dropping our envelope in the offertory basket is a kind of prayer. It is like saying, "Lord, I believe in you and your Church so much that I am willing to give something of great value, my money.

The amount of your gift does matter, but the spirit in which your gift is given matters most. If you write a check simply out of habit, or the amount is negligible compared to your monthly budget, you may need to reassess. Does your gift adequately reflect your commitment to God and to our faith community? At St. Patrick's, we ask that parishioners work toward giving 6% of their income to our Parish. How can you move closer to our Parish goal?

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is an advisory group for the pastor. It seeks to foster Parish unity, assess Parish needs, develop Parish programs, coordinate Parish activities, encourage Parish

A Stewardship Prayer

Jesus, teach us to pray. Help us to

manage our time so that we can spend it with you.

Holy Spirit, fill us with your gifts. May we offer ourselves in sacrifice for our parish and for all in need.

Father, give us generous hearts. Help us to manage our finances and to offer first fruits to you.

As your faithful disciples, we ask this for ourselves and for Catholics everywhere, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

participation in spiritual and apostolic life and provide a forum for Parish dialogue.

Contact: Dan Boesch, (402) 727-8999

Permanent Diaconate

Candidates, along with their wives, undergo a four-year formation process before ordination. After four years of instruction, deacon candidates receive the sacrament of Holy Orders. They help in the catechetical life of the Parish by preparing families to receive some of the sacraments. This includes teaching of baptismal classes, marriage preparation classes, and leading the RCIA and RCIC programs. They assist the priest on the altar during Mass and can give the homily. They lead and direct communion services, perform the sacrament of baptism, witness marriages, and perform burials.

Contact: Deacon Tom Silva, (402) 721-6979

Email: t50silva@gmail.com

FINANCE

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee advises the pastor regarding the management of Parish finances and property. They review operating procedures and help develop the parish budget.

Contact: J.J. Bixby (402) 753-3112

Email: jjbixby1@gmail.com

Money Counters

Individuals are responsible for counting the Sunday collection during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday morning or helping with final counting on Monday morning at the Parish office.

Contact: Brook Zakovec, (402) 721-6611, Ext. 12

Email: bzakovec@stpatsfremont.org

Bergan Booster Club Bingo

On Wednesday evenings in the St. Pat's Auditorium at 4th & D Streets, the Bergan Booster Club sponsors bingo to raise funds for the fine arts and athletic programs of the schools. Volunteer workers are always needed to call numbers and sell pickle tickets. The schedules are determined by your availability.

Contact: Gary Schmidt (402) 727-1571

Bingo Lunch Stand

Food is sold to the guests who attend Bingo. Volunteers are needed to donate, prepare food and volunteer to work at the stand every Wednesday evening.

Contact: Marian Brown, (402) 721-5969

SCRIP

This ministry raises funds for Bergan and gives parents an opportunity to reduce their tuition through credit from the program. They are in need of people to sell SCRIP during Masses, market the program effectively and other duties pertaining to the program. Schedules are determined by your availability.

Contact: Rhonda Burger, (402) 721-8891

LITURGY

Music

Adult Choir

Our Adult Choir sings twice a month during Mass and at various other celebrations. Emphasis is on the spiritual growth of members and Parishioners through music as a ministry. The choir rehearses Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. and sings for Mass the second and fourth Sundays.

Contact: Mary Beth Hilbers, (402) 721-2520
Email: marybeth.hilbers@fpsmail.org

Bell Choir

This group learns handbell techniques to provide accompaniment and enhancement to liturgies. They generally play on the first Sunday of each month and at various other times during the year. Rehearsal is on Wednesday evenings.

Contact: Shirley Kreikemeier, (402) 727-4892
Email: kreikemeierlarry@msn.com

Cantor

The Cantor proclaims the Psalm, announces the songs and supports the singing of the congregation in the absence of the choir. Cantors serve as their schedule allows, attend rehearsals before Masses and an optional time on Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Contact: Mary Beth Hilbers, (402) 721-2520
Email: marybeth.hilbers@fpsmail.org

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir meets on Wednesdays from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Bergan Elementary building, and sings at 11:00 a.m. Mass once a month. All youth 1st through 5th grade from the Parish and Bergan Elementary are welcome.

Contact: Maggie Winterlin (402) 721-9766
Email: maggie.winterlin@berganknights.org

Instrumentalists

Organists and pianists are needed to lead liturgical music. Other instruments, such as brass and woodwinds, are welcome to enhance our liturgical music as needed.

Contact: Mary Beth Hilbers, (402) 721-2520
Email: marybeth.hilbers@fpsmail.org

Hispanic Choir

The choir rehearses on Tuesdays and sings each week for the 12:30 p.m. Spanish liturgy.

Contact: Paul Shavlik, (402) 727-6585
Email: pshavlik@yahoo.com

New Life Choir

This choir provides music for funeral liturgies as needed. Rehearsals are held periodically.

Contact: Colette Robinson, (402) 721-2397
Email: robinbudco@hotmail.com

Contemporary Young Adult Group

All students in the Parish, Grades 7-12, all Parish young adults and adults who are "young at heart" are invited to join the **New Voice** group and sing at Mass once a month. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays in the church from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Contact Mary Beth Hilbers, (402) 721-2520
Email: marybeth.hilbers@fpsmail.org

Readers

Readers proclaim the Word of God at Mass in an inspiring and meaningful way. They carefully review the Scripture passages and practice reading them aloud before coming to Church. Archdiocesan orientation and three-year mandation, as well as Parish training and updating are required and provided. Schedules are determined by your availability.

Deacon Vic Henry (402) 721-0118
Scheduling Contact:
Sharon Francis, (402) 721-6611

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass by participating in the entrance procession and presentation of the gifts, as well as holding the prayer books. This is open to boys and girls, 4th grade through high school, who must participate in the appropriate training sessions and periodic enrichment experiences. Training occurs throughout the year.

Contact: Deacon Tom Silva, (402)721-6979
Email: t50silva@gmail.com
Scheduling contact:
Sharon Francis, (402) 721-6611
Email: sfrancis@stpatsfremont.org

Adult Funeral Servers

Adult Altar Servers are needed to assist the priest at funerals during the week, serving once or twice per month. Training is provided.

Contact: Will Greitens, (402) 720-4675
Email: wjgreitens@qwestoffice.net

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs)

Eucharistic Ministers are entrusted with the special responsibility of assisting in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. Archdiocesan orientation and three-year mandation, as well as Parish training and updating are required and provided. Schedules

are determined by your availability.

Contact: Deacon Vic Henry, (402)721-0118
Email: cvhenry@qwest.net

Scheduling contact:
Sharon Francis, (402) 721-6611
Email: sfrancis@stpatsfremont.org

Greeters

Greeters look to see the face of Christ in those they meet. Recognizing Christ in others, they create a welcoming environment by greeting parishioners and visitors with a smile as they enter the church for Mass. This ministry is open to individuals, couples and families. Schedules are determined by your availability.

Contact: Sharon Francis, (402) 721-6611
Email: sfrancis@stpatsfremont.org

Liturgical Coordinators

Liturgical Coordinators work quietly behind the scenes to ensure that our liturgies run smoothly. They prepare the sacred vessels, linens, and vestments needed for the liturgy, and also clean and put away all items afterwards. Coordinators serve at one of five times on the weekend.

Contact: Deacon Joe Uhlik, (402)721-3577
Email: jucuhlik@hotmail.com

Gift Bearers

At every Mass, the Parish offers bread and wine to become the body and blood of Christ. Volunteers are needed to represent the Parish family in bringing these gifts forward to be sanctified by God. Schedules are determined by your availability.

Contact: Ben Glass, (402) 359-2056
Email: ojgben@msn.com

Ushers

Ushers are primarily responsible for making people feel welcome at Mass and assisting them in finding seating. They also assist with the offertory collection, processional direction and handing out bulletins. Schedules are determined by your availability.

Contact: Ben Glass, (402) 359-2056

Email: ojgben@msn.com

Contact: Eleanor Kubin, (402) 721-7517
Email: chuckkubin@msn.com

Environment Committee

Church Decorators/Floral

To enhance liturgical celebrations and reflect the liturgical seasons, our worship space is decorated with fabric, flowers and art. Volunteers are needed to plan the space, as well as people who can assist with the physical needs of preparing our sanctuary for worship. They trim and water the flowers and plants periodically throughout the week. Schedules are determined by your availability.

Contact: Kathy Wiesen (402) 727-7573

Sewing Skills

Skilled parishioners help design, sew and maintain vestments, banners, altar coverings and linens. Volunteers are on call as needed.

Contact: Connie Johannes, (402) 620-4253

EVANGELIZATION

Evangelization Committee

The Evangelization Committee seeks to bring the Good News of the Gospel into every human by inviting all people to accept God as the center of their lives. Among the activities the committee offers are spiritual renewal opportunities, faith sharing and Bible Study groups and outreach to inactive Catholics.

Contact: Eleanor Kubin, (402) 721-7517
Email: chuckkubin@msn.com

Bible Study and Faith-Sharing Groups

Every fall and spring, the Evangelization Committee coordinates small groups of people who gather in homes to study various books of the Bible, talk about the Sunday readings or discuss other themes. Volunteers are needed to lead and facilitate these times of study and prayer.

Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee reaches out to newly registered households to welcome them to St. Patrick's Parish family. This welcome includes a personal visit to the home, an invitation to a complimentary pancake breakfast and a Newcomer Orientation, which is offered twice a year, usually in September and March. Volunteers are needed to make personal home visits.

Contact: Eileen Holzerland, (402) 721-8056
Email: leholzerland@hotmail.com

Bread Bakers for Newcomers

A sub-committee of the Welcome Committee. This group bakes bread, usually once per month, which members of the Welcome Committee give to newly registered families of the Parish.

Contact: Eileen Holzerland, (402) 721-8056
Email: leholzerland@hotmail.com

Catholics Come Home

A program designed to offer an opportunity to return to the Catholic Church. People who inquire will find a spirit of welcome, acceptance and confidentiality. Individuals will receive help to the degree they desire.

Contact: Sr. Jackie Thorn/Carolyn Walla,
(402) 721-6611 Ext. 18
Email: srjackie@stpatsfremont.org

Visits to the Sick and Aging in Hospital, Nursing Homes and in the Home

Trained Eucharistic Ministers assist in bringing Communion and a compassionate presence to the sick and aging of the Parish. Training to become an EMHC is offered by the Archdiocese in the fall. Volunteers are needed to help with assisted living and nursing home Masses.

Contact: Sr. Jackie Thorn,
(402) 721-6611 Ext. 18
Email: srjackie@stpatsfremont.org

Bereavement Ministry

This ministry reaches out to those who have recently lost a loved one. Their purpose is to make the church present in this time of grief. Members send cards, offer condolences and provide follow-up support for family members.

Contact: Sr. Jackie Thorn,
(402) 721-6611 Ext. 18
Email: srjackie@stpatsfremont.org

Perpetual Adoration

Parishioners are encouraged and invited to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on a regular basis by becoming part of Perpetual Adoration. Adoration is held in St. Patrick's Chapel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This chapel is a place of peace and quiet where anyone can spend time with Christ who is truly present in the Eucharist.

Contact: Deacon Dave Probst, (402) 721-5663
Email: probstdavid@hotmail.com

Visits to Families of Newly Baptized Children

Members of this ministry pay a friendly visit to families shortly after a child is baptized to bring a small gift and to inquire if the family has any needs. Volunteers visitors are scheduled as needed.

Contact: Sr. Jackie Thorn,
(402) 721-6611 Ext. 18
Email: srjackie@stpatsfremont.org

SOCIAL CONCERNS

St. Patrick's Social Concerns Committee

The purpose of this committee is to become aware of community needs or injustices through study or other avenues, to create an awareness of those needs among the members of the Parish and to coordinate Parish services to those in need. At meetings, the members decide on focus projects. This ministry sponsors such projects as the holiday food drive and Lenten Giving Tree, supports the St. Vincent de Paul fund and works with local agencies to assist the poor.

Contact: Mary Narans, (402) 727-6552
Email: snarans@neb.rr.com

Pro-Life Activities

This ministry is dedicated to defending human life from conception to natural death. The committee works to build a "culture of life," primarily through prayer, but also by educating the community about practices that uphold the dignity of life. Through prayer and periodic events, they strive to change the political environment that makes abortion and physician assisted suicide legal in our society. They meet at Keene Memorial Library the second Monday of the month.

Contact: Don and Jan Ortmeier, (402)721-2196
Email: donjan40@aol.com

Natural Family Planning

An informal group meeting monthly to discuss various forms of family planning and fertility treatment in light of Church teaching. Anyone is welcome to join us at any point. We strive to be a diverse group offering education for those unfamiliar with NFP. We also offer support and encouragement for those personally or professionally living their lives in accord with Church teaching.

Contact: Shelly Meyer, (402) 720-1862
Email: shelly_meyer77@yahoo.com

St. Patrick's Honey Doers

Special volunteers are needed to help the elderly and those in "emergency" situations. St. Patrick's Honey Doers provide short-term assistance around the house, with yard work, snow removal and general assistance.

Contact: Sr. Jackie Thorn,
(402) 721-6611 Ext. 18
Email: srjackie@stpatsfremont.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Family Formation

Family Formation classes are the Parish's vehicle to fulfill the God-given privilege and responsibility of educating Parish children in the Catholic faith. It helps build our Christian community by sharing our Catholic community's faith journey. It is the celebration of the Parish's Catholic life together through common prayer, service to others, social activities, as well as liturgical celebrations. Families meet on the third Wednesday of the month during the school year from 6:30-8:00pm at the Bergan Elementary gym. Volunteers are needed to serve as Catechists, aides and substitutes. Training is available.

Contact: Janae Smith, (402) 721-6611 ext. 15
Email: jsmith@stpatsfremont.org

Life Teen

Life Teen is an international Catholic movement that serves the Church by providing resources and faith experiences that help lead teens closer to Christ. This is accomplished through a vibrant Eucharistic spirituality and by creating opportunities for teens to grow in their faith. Life Teen meets Wednesday at 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Church.

Contact: Janae Smith, (402) 721-6611, ext. 15
Email: jsmith@stpatsfremont.org
Website: www.fremontlifeteen.com

Edge

Edge is a Catholic junior high youth ministry experience created for early adolescents in grades 7 and 8. It is designed to meet the educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of young adolescents. Edge is an important part of our 2 year Confirmation Preparation for youth. Youth will meet every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Delaney Hall.

Contact: Janae Smith, (402) 721-6611, ext. 15
Email: jsmith@stpatsfremont.org

Marriage Pre-session

Married couples are needed to facilitate the *Foccus Inventory* for engaged couples. There are up to five sessions per year. Training is provided.

Contact: Gregg & Shelli Clausen, (402) 727-8918

Marriage: A Journey for Life

Couples married 10 years plus are needed to facilitate Marriage: A Journey for Life (MAJ) marriage preparation educational programs through the Archdiocese of Omaha. Engaged couples share a non-overnight weekend focusing on Communication, Sacramentality of Marriage, Theology of the Body, Natural Family Planning, Stewardship and Finances along with Challenges to the Vocation of Marriage. Large and small group sessions are available.

Contact the Family Life Office, 402-551-9003, ext. 1305 for more information.

Marriage: Remarriage

Facilitators who have experienced remarriage are needed to support Marriage: A Journey for Life-Remarriage (MAJ-R) addressing the impact of the loss of the previous relationship, combining households and forming relationships with new family members and Family: Become What You Are, Parenting/Step-Parenting program. Engaged couples consider their marriage vows, how it affects children of all ages in different ways, their family identity and mission, their call to holiness; parenting theory and practice, and special parenting situations.

Contact the Family Life Office, (402) 551-9003, ext. 1305 for more information.

Catholic Engaged Encounter

Facilitators are also needed for *Catholic Engaged Encounter*. Engaged couples entering marriage the first time share weekend away overnight focusing on family of origin, communication, finances, marital intimacy, children, and religion with a team of two married couples and clergy. Includes Mass and Reconciliation. Omaha contact: John and Theresa Hospodka, (402) 561-8191, thospodka@cox.net. Norfolk contact: Larry and Lanette Stec, (402) 897-4065, lstec@megavision.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic, receive sacraments they missed as a child or return to the Church. Companions and sponsors are needed to provide education, hospitality, support and facilitation at gatherings and to guide catechumens on their journey toward a fuller practice of their faith. This will include a weekly commitment and some weekend Activities.

Contact: Sr. Jackie Thorn, (402) 721-6611 ext. 18

Email: srjackie@stpatsfremont.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)

RCIC is the process by which children grades 3-8 enter the Catholic Church. Families will join the Family Formation program to prepare for Initiation. Family Formation meets the third Wednesday of the month throughout the school year from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Archbishop Bergan Elementary School.

Contact: Janae Smith, (402) 721-6611 ext. 15
Email: jsmith@stpatsfremont.org

Vacation Bible School

This summer program teaches Parish children about their faith in a fun, activity-filled atmosphere. Adults as well as middle and high school students are needed to ensure the success of this important children's ministry. This is a one week commitment along with some preparation time.

Contact: Janae Smith, (402) 721-6611 ext. 15
Email: jsmith@stpatsfremont.org

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During the 11 a.m. Mass, children age 3 through the 5th grade are called to the Altar, given a blessing, and leave the church sanctuary. They are then separated into two groups where they hear the readings from the Children's Lectionary, have a homily discussion and participate in the prayers of the faithful. They return to Mass at the time of the children's collection. Individuals are needed to lead and assist in this gathering of our young parishioners.

Contact: Janae Smith, (402) 721-6611 ext. 15
Email: jsmith@stpatsfremont.org

Baptism Program– Called By Name

This program helps parents wishing to baptize to understand the vocation of Christian marriage and parenting. It prepares parents for the changes that occur within intimate relationships when a new child arrives. It also teaches them to recognize that physical and spiritual development of children go hand in hand as well as learn the importance of partnership between the Parish and family living and establishing family prayer ritual.

Contact: Parish Deacons (402) 721-6611

ARCHBISHOP BERGAN

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Board

This is an appointed group of parents and parishioners who help set policy for Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. Volunteers who are interested in Catholic education are needed for appointment to office for a three-year term.

Contact: Bill Vobejda, (402) 727-1764
Email: BVobejda@famc.org

Advancement Committee

Plan and advance the mission of our school by providing oversight for the Bergan Ambassadors, Recruiting Team, and Fundraising Efforts.

Contact: Bonnie Nebuda,
(402) 721-1846
Email: bonnie.nebuda@berganknights.org

Bergan Parent Ambassadors

Plan and execute internal marketing events and efforts to retain current students and reach out to potential families. Events include: Catholic Schools Week, Back to School Nights, Kindergarten Roundup/Enrollment Day, Meet the Team Nights and Trunk or Treat.

Contact: Bonnie Nebuda,
(402) 721-1846
Email: bonnie.nebuda@berganknights.org

Bergan Recruiting Team

Execute the recruiting efforts of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, focusing on Pre-School, Kindergarten and the various transition points.

Contact: Bonnie Nebuda,
(402) 721-1846
Email: bonnie.nebuda@berganknights.org

Knight Event Planning Committee

This annual dinner and auction are held to support and raise funds for our school. Volunteers are needed for the success of this fun annual event.

Contact: Bonnie Nebuda,
(402) 721-1846
Email: bonnie.nebuda@berganknights.org

Preschool

The director of this program is in need of volunteers who can be called on to help with special projects in the classroom, drive on field trips and substitute in the occurrence of emergencies and illness. Safe Environment training is required.

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Schedules determined by your availability.

Contact: Sue Kassmeier, 721-9766 ext. 32
Email: sue.kassmeier@berganknights.org

St. Patrick's & Bergan Alumni

Membership includes all graduates of St. Patrick's High School and Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. The alumni board sponsors the annual alumni reunion and dance. The board is instrumental in promoting the Bergan Fund and other fund raisers.

Contact: Ron Kortan, Director of Stewardship
and
Donor Relations, (402) 721-6611

Bergan Parent Knights

Parents of students attending Bergan make up this group. The group helps plan and support school activities throughout the year. All members are welcome to join any or all meetings. Please be a part of this wonderful group of supportive Bergan families.

Elementary - Meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the library at the elementary building. This group is always looking for "Lead Volunteers" for various activities.

Contact: Kerri Pentel, (402) 719-2880
Email: apentel@hotmail.com

Middle & High School - Meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Bergan Library. This group is always looking for representatives for each grade.

Contact: Wendy Kerkaert, (402) 889-3509
Email: wwkerkaert@gmail.com

Bergan Booster Club

This group supports the Fine Arts and Athletic Departments of Bergan through membership dues and a variety of fund raising projects. The group meets quarterly.

Contact: Jeff Wilmes, (402) 727-8608
Email: wil1040@aol.com
Chris Rainforth, (402) 721-9683
Email: chris.rainforth@berganknights.org

STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT Stewardship Committee

An exciting group of practicing stewards act as the consultative body to the pastor regarding parishioner's gifts of time, talent and treasure. It engages in reading and discussions on the meaning of stewardship in our lives. Members act as models of stewardship for other parishioners by engaging in a life that is committed to the Eucharist, prayer, service and ongoing formation. This group coordinates the stewardship renewal for the Parish.

Contact: John Konecky, (402) 727-9214
Email: jkonecky@neb.rr.com

St. Patrick's Fun Festival

All parishioners are invited to share in the fun by volunteering your time to make this annual fundraiser for our Parish and school successful. This summer event takes place the first full weekend of June. Help is needed from volunteers of all ages.

Contact: Betty Feldhaus, (402) 727-1451
Email: bettyfatstpats@yahoo.com

Endowment Committees

Two committees (one for St. Patrick's Parish and one for Bergan Catholic School) monitor and review the investments and disbursement of earnings for both organizations. Members of these committees are appointed by the pastor.

Contact: Ron Kortan, (402) 721-6611
rkortan@stpatsfremont.org

Planned Giving Committee

Members of this group, appointed by the pastor, guide and support the Development Office and pastor in areas related to planned giving for future growth and vitality of the Parish and school. Members are encouraged to educate people about the Codicil Club of St. Patrick's; a recognized group of parishioners, alumni, parents, friends who include the Parish or school in their wills, estate planning and planned giving.

Contact: Mark Prince, (402) 727-7453
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St. Patrick's Mailing Team

This group comes together to prepare the newsletters and other items for mailing for the Parish

Mailing Team cont.

and occasionally the school. This is done on weekday mornings with large mailings going out an average of four to eight times per year.

Contact: The Parish Office, (402) 721-6611

Friends of St. Patrick's

This group is made up of parishioners who meet several times a year to learn about issues facing the educational and ministry needs of the Parish and how they can financially assist.

Contact: Ron Kortan, (402) 721-6611
rkortan@stpatsfremont.org

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Garden Club

Individuals and couples who make up this group love to garden. They take care of all the islands and courtyards at the church by planting annuals, pruning perennials, weeding and improving the areas assigned to maintain.

Contact: Ron Harms, (402) 727-9921
Email: RHarms8464@aol.com; or
Bernie Ortmeier, (402) 721-1659

Lawn Maintenance

Any individuals who are interested in mowing the church grounds may contact the number below.

Contact: Bill Kasak, (402) 721-7135

Heavenly Dusters

Dusting liturgical and church items on a weekly basis are the duties of this group. Schedule depends on availability.

Contact: Mary Flies, (402) 317-2149
Email: maryflies@gmail.com

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization of men founded under the principles of *Knights of Columbus cont.* charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. This organization provides men with a vehicle for building up the Parish community and family life with an

emphasis on family, youth, church, council and community activities. They meet the second Tuesday of the month. An example of this ministry is to provide courtesy van services.

Contact: Gilbert Faltin, (402) 753-6491

St. Patrick's Women

St. Patrick's Women group fosters unity, faith and spiritual growth among the women of the Parish and serves the Parish through its activities and support. They are responsible for funeral dinners, Parish bazaar, Care Corps dinners, Bergan bingo lunch stand and interfaith activities.

Contact: Mary Flies, (402) 317-2149
Email: maryflies@gmail.com

Care Corps - St. Patrick's Women group provides three meals a month to the homeless residents at Care Corps. Phone callers are needed and eager people willing to put into effect a corporal work of mercy, feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless.

Contact: Carol Schmidt, (402) 727-1571
Email: gschmidt6@neb.rr.com

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of the Americas engages in creative and spiritual programs that provide its members the opportunity to develop their faith in meaningful ways. This group strives to embrace the principal of faith through love in the promotion of justice, equality, the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all. Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, its members are united by their faith in their devotion to the Church and the Holy See. They meet the third Monday of the month.

Contact: Reneé Brown, (402) 727-5267

St. Joan of Arc Circle

A fun group of women, middle age or older, this group begins their afternoon by attending noon Mass and then praying the Rosary together. They then have lunch and a meeting and end with bingo. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month from March through December.

Contact: Darlene Kai, (402) 727-4409

Stewardship:
Using our Time, Talent and
Treasure to build God's Kingdom

Ways to Pray

- In a quiet room, read a short scripture passage and then ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand it and apply it to your life.
- Make daily actions into a prayer. For example, pray for your child as you fold his/her clothes, thank God for his gifts as you prepare dinner, praise God for creation when you take a walk.
- Revisit age old Catholic devotions such as the Rosary, novenas, the Stations of the Cross, etc. Ancient prayers have endured for a reason: they are meaningful and effective.

Combining Prayer and Action

- Pray about your current involvement in our parish. Ask God to show you your personal gifts and how best to use them.
- Pray for our ministries, our parish leaders, and all parishioners. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide our parish community.

Praying About Your Gift

- Pray about how much you give to the parish. Does the amount of your gift reflect that God is a priority in your life?
- Does your spending on entertainment or casual shopping prevent you from giving as much as you should to the parish? Do you want a flat screen television more than a vibrant youth ministry?

Please pray about your commitment to our parish, asking the Holy Spirit to direct your gifts of time, talent and treasure to St. Patrick's. Please be sure to complete and return the annual intention card and commitment form during our annual Stewardship Renewal.

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