

Rosary Groups

The **Love of God Worldwide Rosary** meets each Wednesday at 10:30am at the Basilica. If interested, please show up and join in praying the Rosary. Joanne Yankowski 542-8749.

Each Thursday of the month at 3:30pm, this Rosary group meets in different homes. For more information, please contact Elaine Bacon at 352-9386

Social Ministry - Our goal is to bring members of our church together as a family. Plans are to establish and build a new tradition of 3-4 socials a year with different themes. Anyone interested in helping, call Marteel Henry 527-1247.

St. Vincent de Paul — Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of SVDP is a Catholic lay organization of men and women who join together to serve the needy in our parish and community. We meet the first Tuesday of each month and are very much in need of additional members to increase our efforts to serve those in need. Please call David Bouchie 471-8859 for more information.

Ushers — We need assistance at all Masses please contact Billy Weaver 332-0851.

Vocations Club — Our purpose is to encourage and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Through prayer and example, the members hope to foster those men and women who are considering giving their life to the care of others. The Vocations Club meets on the first Saturday of each month (except December) following the 8:00 am mass in the church hall for fellowship, encouragement, and prayer. Come and join us. For more information call Kathleen Hicks at 663-2414.



Faith Community and Service Opportunities

Altar Servers — Please call the church office if you're interested in having your son serve at one of our Masses. They must have received First Communion.

Altar Society - The Altar Society performs a number of behind-the-scenes activities that support the service of the Mass and devotional life at the Basilica. These include light housekeeping, stocking the votive candles, caring for the altars, preparing the Mass linens, etc. Some of these are done on a rotating schedule among the members of a particular group. Many members see their time of service as a devotion in itself, a quiet time of prayer in the Church alone or in conjunction with a personal Holy Hour during the week. Please contact Anne Hare 332-9014, if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

Bereavement Committee — “Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted” Matthew 5:4. During time of loss, our committee members provide food and comfort to the family and friends of the deceased by providing initial supplies such as paper products and beverages as well as preparing a meal after the funeral. We have three teams of volunteers, and the meals are provided by each team on a rotation basis. To assist with the much-appreciated ministry, please contact Cheryl Rambin at 471-8710.

Catholic Daughters — The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Regina Pacis 1372 is a women's organization that strives to embrace the principle of faith by providing an opportunity to develop their God given talents in meaningful ways to support Catholic education, charities, and our diocesan seminarians. We provide support to the Women's Resource Center, St. Mary's School, Divine Providence Nuns, and other organizations as needed. Court Regina Pacis 1372 meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm and we encourage women of the Catholic faith to join. For more information call Kathleen Hicks at 663-2414.

Cemetery Committee — Please call Jim Rambin 471-0926 if interested.

Church Tours — Occasionally, visitors and tourists will request a guided tour of our beautiful basilica with its rich history and artistic treasures. If you are interested in becoming a docent, please contact Adele Scott at 352-8880.

Eucharistic Adoration — Spend a transformative hour with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of each month. There is a sign –up list in the back of the church several days prior to the first Friday.

Flower Ministry - Parishioners can have beautiful flowers in our church each week in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Claire Weaver 332-5310.

Greeters - Welcoming parishioners and visitors to the Masses. If you are interested in being a greeter at one of our Masses, please contact Margaret Kilcoyne 663-5803.

Homebound Ministry - Through Homebound Ministry, the Extraordinary Minister represents Jesus, making present His Love on behalf of the MBIC Church community. For the sick, the reception of Holy Communion is a sign of support and connection to our Lord and His Church. Volunteers are needed to assist with this vital ministry. For more information, please call Skeeter Henry 527-1201.

Hospitality — Coffee and Donuts after 9:00am Mass. Please contact Dottie Mims 663-5310.

Knights of Columbus — The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization that strives to unite the men of our faith, helping them to live their faith and be better husbands and fathers. We make a difference, whether through community service, raising money for charities or through prayer. If you want more information please contact John T. Scott @318-348-2925, or go to kofc.org.

Lectors- Please call the church office if interested.

Music Ministry - Please consider joining with the 9am choir in singing God's praises. We sing on Sunday morning at the 9am Mass and meet on Thursday nights at 6pm for rehearsals. We would love to welcome those who want to share their talents with us and make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Please contact Wanda St. Andre 663-3662.

Nursing Home Ministry — Mass is celebrated at 10:30am every Thursday at the Courtyard Nursing Home on Keyser Ave. Following Mass, communion is offered to those Catholics who are unable to attend Mass. Our mission is that these residents will continue to feel God's presence as they remain a part of our faith community. Volunteers are needed to assist with this beautiful ministry. Please contact Mary Ann Nowlin (792-1124).

Prayer Groups

Ladies (Living Faith) - Small faith-sharing groups of women who meet to grow together in community and love of our Lord. Using prayers, shared experiences, scripture, and devotions, we talk about all things Catholic. Maybe this is just what you've been looking for to deepen your faith? Contact Cheryl Ramin 471-8710.

Men (Men of Faith) - A men's faith group of 8-10 men in each group. No officers, no dues, no minutes, no pressure! We have informal round table discussions about anything Catholic that we want to discuss. Our topics may range from parenting/fatherhood to enhancing our church community or about our historic property. Our faith increases as we learn, educate, and support our Parish. For more information, please call or text Jim Ramin at 471-0926 or David Spence at 792-1647.

Prison Ministry — Currently in process. Please contact the office if interested.

Pro-Life Rosary — In the spirit of unity and prayers for the sanctity of life, you are invited to join fellow Catholics on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00am at the abortion clinic, 210 Kings Hwy in Shreveport. We initially gather in the parking lot on the corner of Centenary and Rutherford Streets to prepare, pray and offer petitions, then we walk to the front of the clinic to pray the Rosary. For more information, please contact David Spence at 318-792-1647 or Katie Spence at 318-792-1642.