

Sacred Heart Parish  
2017 Time & Talent Commitment Form

Your time and talent are God's gift to you. The commitment of your time and talent is how we are able to accomplish the many ministries at Sacred Heart.

In order to keep current listings,  
Please check the proper boxes for  
**New or Renew** in all areas of ministries in which  
you currently participate or plan to participate.

Commission meetings are held in the Parish Center on the third Tuesday of the Month (September thru May) at 6:30 PM. Questions regarding any line item should be directed to the commission chair shown on the form.

Please have each individual that plans to participate complete their own form with all the required information.

**PARISH RECORD UPDATE**

*Please Print the Following Information:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Information

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all children living at home (include college students away at college during the school year)

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City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Age

Home Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Cell Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

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# STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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New Renew

## NEW! ALPHA PROGRAM

**Alpha Committee Member:** Work with other team members under the team leader to plan and execute a minimum of two, 11 week Alpha programs per year; a fall program starting in September and a winter program starting early January.

**Alpha Session Leader:** Participate in the 12 sessions and act as the MC. Can also be a Host during the session. Maintain communication with the Alpha Hosts, Helpers and Guests. Coordinate the training for hosts and helpers. Training provided.

**Alpha Session Host:** Participate in 12 sessions and facilitate the small group discussion (one HOST for every eight to ten guests - training provided).

**Alpha Session Helper:** Participate in 12 sessions and sit in on the small group discussion to help the host and the guests with anything that might make the group experience even better. Helpers mostly stay quiet during the discussion. They listen and pray silently as the discussion is unfolding (two HELPERS for every eight to ten guests - training provided).

**Buildings Committee:** Coordinate major capital projects on all buildings and grounds. Meet periodically to manage the rolling five-year capital and maintenance plan.

**Carpentry or Other Skills:** Specialty work, carpentry, electrical, or other areas of support. We'll call you if a project is active.

NEW!  **Cemetery Committee:** Work together 2 or 3 times a year to maintain, beautify the cemetery. Repair damage to the grounds caused by backhoe access; level/align headstones & grave markers; trim shrubbery as needed. Great family project.

**Collection Counter:** Count and record collections on Sunday morning after mass or on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Scheduled once a month.

**Commission Member:** Participate in monthly meetings (1 hour on the third Tuesday of each month). Provide ideas and objective feedback on the maintenance of property and capital needs; help to coordinate the annual CSA campaign, encourage parishioners to share their time, talent and treasure in parish ministries and activities; and support fundraising activities.

**CSA Volunteer:** Record pledges at Saturday and Sunday masses in April and May.

**Donut Sunday:** Great opportunity for families. Volunteers are responsible for ordering donuts, purchasing milk and juices (you will be reimbursed), set-up, clean-up, filling out a Donut Sunday sheet, and counting the proceeds.

**Fundraising Committee:** Coordinate events, i.e. parish raffle, breakfasts, etc. Meetings are once a month or less depending on events.

**Grounds Committee:** Lend your "green thumb" to parish grounds, gardens and landscapes. Help a little or as often as you like.

**Office Helper:** Assist with bulletin inserts, parish mailings, receptionist and office support.

**Special Events and Hospitality:** Plan and/or assist in events such as the parish picnic, pastoral celebrations, parish luncheons, special dinners, potlucks, etc.

**Prayer Breakfast Coordinator:** Establish three Prayer Breakfasts each year (Fall, Winter, Spring) with the initial Prayer Breakfast to be held this Spring. Each Breakfast will be from 8 - 10 am, Saturday morning and include a speaker.

**Time and Talent:** Help to coordinate and prepare our parish's Commitment Sunday plan. Four hours over a four month period. Write or edit Beam articles, announcements, etc.

## EVANGELIZATION

Coordinator: Sr. Helen Therese Bodziak, OSF email: [helen@sacredheartgi.com](mailto:helen@sacredheartgi.com)  
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### New Renew

- Evangelization Committee:** Proposes strategies, goals, programs for the parish in conjunction with parish commissions and committees for the spiritual renewal of the active and inactive parishioners.
  
- Adult Faith Formation Team:** Plan and promote opportunities for on-going spiritual growth and to expand knowledge of the essential teachings of the Catholic Church through adult catechesis. Fresh ideas welcome! Group meets as needed.
  
- Bereavement Ministry:** Assist with wakes at funeral homes through a Scripture Service or rosary.
  
- Outreach to Inactive Catholics:** Volunteers needed to help plan programs to identify and reach out to those Catholics who have become inactive in the church. Meetings & times are to be determined.
  
- RCIA for Adults:** Sponsor and participate in the formation process of a newcomer to our faith. Serve as companion, guide, model and witness. Helps the candidate participate in parish activities.
  
- Welcoming Committee:** Join the group dedicated to insuring new parishioners are welcomed into our Catholic Community. Team members rotate offering a Welcome Packet to new members and new homeowners are welcomed to the island and invited to visit our Catholic Community.
  
- Intercessory Prayer Team:** Meets regularly to pray for the needs of the parish, the Archdiocese of Detroit, general intentions for the sick and suffering and especially to pray for the prayer requests written in the book in the Gathering Space. Meeting time is on Mondays from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m in the Youth Room. Everyone is welcome at anytime to join us in prayer or to receive prayer from the intercessors.

# CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Director: Terry Morreau, email: [terry@sacredheartgi.com](mailto:terry@sacredheartgi.com)

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New Renew

- Blessing of the Pets**: This is held on the first Saturday of October in honor St. Francis of Assisi. Pets get blessed by Fr. Mike and they receive a certificate of the blessing. Volunteers are needed to help with the pets.
- Christmas Giving**: Most Holy Trinity Christmas party – help with 500 children at a party on a Saturday in December from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- ChristNet**: The homeless shelter is here for one week. Help make lunch or dinners, sign up for a three or four hour evening shift.
- Commission Member**: Participate in monthly meetings and offer ideas and suggestions to the program. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month and last approximately 1 hr.
- Downriver Community Food Pantry**: Volunteer on Wednesdays or Saturdays from 9:30 am to noon, to help at this emergency food pantry in Wyandotte.
- Easter Baskets**: For Our Lady of Guadalupe School. Make or Donate by Palm Sunday.
- Elizabeth Ministry**: A support group for each other and new mothers. Take meals and a gift to expectant moms. Host a baby shower to help over 90 low income mothers.
- Food Pantry**: Donate canned products and grocery store gift cards, help organize and stock items. This ministry is ongoing.
- Funeral Brunch**: Help by donating a dish and/or serve or clean up. You will be called to help when needed.
- Habitat for Humanity**: We help build homes for Monroe 4 times a year from 8:00 am till 3:00 pm.
- Homebound Ministry**: Visit and take communion to homebound parishioners on your time schedule.
- Homeless Mat Makers**: Sleep mats are made out of recycled grocery bags. The group meets Monday's at 10:30 am. (To date we have made over 300 mats).
- Manna Meals**: Is a food kitchen for the homeless. We service on every third and fifth Monday from 6:45 am to 11:00 am. Come once or as often as you like.
- Mother Teresa Scholarship Committee**: Committee members participate in evaluating applications and interviewing high school students who apply for the scholarship.
- Outreach Sewing**: Help sew pillow cases for children in hospitals, baby blankets, and cancer caps. Meet 4 to 5 times a year from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
- Parish Giving Garden**: We plant, weed and harvest. The food is given to food pantries and soup kitchens in the area. We need 20 to work the Garden. We pick vegetables on Wednesday mornings. Weeding is done at your own time.
- Prayer Chain**: Pray for parishioners, their families or friends during a time of difficulty.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION – continued

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- Red Cross Blood Drive**: Donate blood for local hospitals. Sacred Heart hosts once per year.
- Respect Life**: Be part of the Life Chain in October, attend their meeting and projects.
- Rosary Makers**: Over 56,000 rosaries were made and have been given to hospitals, service men and missions all over the world; the group meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM.
- Spirit of Hope**: We partner with St. James Episcopal Church on the Third Saturday of the month from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm to cook for 250 homeless, or serve and clean-up. Need 13 to attend.
- St. Gabe's Christmas**: Purchase gifts for children and help deliver. Service takes about two hours.
- St. Leo's/St. Pat's Thanksgiving Bags**: Purchase thanksgiving items to fill bags for needy families. Help deliver bags one week prior to the holiday from 8:00 – 11:00 am.
- Violence Awareness**: We have collections for First Step and also go to the women's shelter to put on a pizza and movie night for children and a women's personal care night. Dates are to be determined.
- World Marriage Day**: We have a lunch for all marriages 45 years and over after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the hall. Help is needed for decorating and serving.

# WORSHIP COMMISSION

Director: Mary Hackstock, email: [maryh@sacredheartgj.com](mailto:maryh@sacredheartgj.com)  
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## Worship Ministries

New Renew

- Altar Linen Care:** Wash and iron small altar linens. Pick up and drop off at Parish Office each week, during the month assigned. Service: One month during the year.
- Altar Server:** The Altar Servers assist the priest at all weekend masses. Candidates must be in third grade or older to participate. Generally scheduled for one to two masses each month.
- Commission Member:** Attend monthly meetings. This ministry offers an opportunity to share your thoughts and talents in an effort to deepen and strengthen the spiritual life and worship of our parish community.
- Environment:** Group is responsible for the seasonal decoration of our Worship Spaces.
- Eucharistic Adoration:** Scheduled time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration times are every Tuesday and the First Friday of the month.
- Eucharistic Minister:** Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist share their gifts by serving the Body and Blood of Christ to the people of God. Commitment is one Sunday a month at the mass of your choosing and being available at the mass you attend if needed.
- Interfaith Council:** Represent Sacred Heart at monthly meetings of this group. 1 hour.
- Lector/Commentator:** Men, women, and confirmed teens of the parish who proclaim the Word of God at all weekend masses. Commitment is one mass per month and volunteering for extra time during Holy Days.
- Sacristan:** The Sacristan prepares the "Lord's Table" for weekend masses including the hosts, wine, water and linens as needed. Open to any registered parishioner confirmed in the church. Commitment is once a month.
- Sacristan for Funeral Liturgy:** This ministry has the same responsibilities as Sacristan with the addition of serving as a Eucharistic Minister when needed. Scheduled on a rotating basis.
- Ushers/Greeters:** The Usher/Greeter ministry includes assisting in any preparations, parishioner's needs, and procedural work requirement of the liturgy. Open to women, men and confirmed youth of the parish.
- Wedding Coordinator:** This ministry offers assistance to those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage through Sacred Heart Church by means of planning, organizing and leading the wedding rehearsals as well as assisting on their wedding day.

## Music Ministries

New Renew

- Cantors:** Open to those who have experience singing. Audition with the music director is required.
- Children's Choir:** This choir meets on Mondays from 3:30-4:25 and sings for one Mass per month as well as for Easter and Christmas. This ministry is open to young people, grade 2-8. (High school aged youth are encouraged to help out with the youth Masses or sing in the Adult choir).
- Sacred Heart Choir:** The Sacred Heart Choir leads the assembly in song every weekend, rotating between the 5:00pm, 8:30am and 11:00am Masses from September to June. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00. Open to any registered parishioner, high school age or older.
- Sacred Heart Praise Band:** Open to instrumentalists and vocalists with musical experience who enjoy playing/singing contemporary Christian music. This includes, but is not limited to, playing/singing for 11:00 Mass twice a month.
- Youth Music Ensemble:** High school vocalists and instrumentalists are welcomed and encouraged to join this group of talented musicians who lead the assembly in contemporary praise and worship style song once a month for the Youth Masses and for special occasions. The perfect ensemble for those youth interested in becoming involved in our music ministry!

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION COMMISSION

### Children/Youth/Adults

Director: Cheryl Reynolds email: [cheryl@sacredheartgi.com](mailto:cheryl@sacredheartgi.com)

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New Renew

- Catechist Aid:** Provides support to Catechist during class time.
- Catechist:** Instruct catechism classes for youth, grades preschool through eighth grade. October through April.
- Catechist Substitute:** Substitute for a Catechist as needed.
- Children's Liturgy:** Children are called to receive the Word of God on their level at the 11:00AM liturgy and to pray their own intercessions. The Department of Christian Formation helps train you for this easy task.
- Class-time Support:** Assist DRE in Religious Formation office during class time.
- Commission Member:** Attend monthly meetings and provide ideas and objective feedback on programs to serve the needs of the parish.
- Family Life:** Projects encouraging positive activities for families - Parish Picnic, Family Mission Trips, Family Ministry.
- Vacation Bible Camp:** Over 100 children, ages 3 – 11 attend this camp. We need high school volunteers for the VBS Core Team, middle school for crew leaders along and adult volunteers to support the youth coordinating activities. Our bible camp is scheduled in July.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Director: Pat O'Hara, email: [pohara@sacredheartgi.com](mailto:pohara@sacredheartgi.com)

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New Renew

- Design/Marketing Person:** Person or persons needed to make flyers, brochures, etc., for upcoming youth events.
- Fundraiser Chair Person:** Plan/organize fundraisers for WYD, Mission Trips, Conferences, etc.
- Middle School & High School Activities:** This is an opportunity open to all adults committed to working with the youth of our parish. You will help to plan activities for middle school or high school youth. *Please circle which group you would like to help.*
- Volunteer Bank:** Set up refreshments and cleanup for youth gatherings/events. Help with our monthly service projects.
- Youth Ministry Commission:** Share ideas and objective feedback on how to enhance programs that serve the needs of our parish youth. **This is a monthly commitment.** Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 5:45-6:30pm (Sept-May).

\*\*All those who volunteer for work with children, must complete a criminal background check and attend the Protecting God's Children Workshop.