

# Catholic Community of Lawrence County (CCLC) Ministry Opportunities Guide



***"As each one has received a gift  
use it to serve one another  
as good stewards of God's varied  
grace." (1 Peter 4:10)***

## A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishoners,

As you browse through this booklet, you will notice that it has updated information regarding the life and activities of our parishes. Please pay attention to the special importance of the information regarding sacramental life. As a Catholic Community, we have many opportunities to encounter the Lord and one another in our sacramental celebrations. Please be familiar with these opportunities as well!

In God's Love,  
Fr. Rick Eldred



## Welcome!

What is the purpose of this booklet? Each person has been blessed with certain gifts and talents. Many share those gifts with their parish in one or more ministries. This booklet is to help you prayerfully consider where God might be calling you to use your time, talents and treasures.

Please feel free to call the "contact person" for each ministry with any questions you may have; they will get back with you to discuss your possible involvement.

*"Come Holy Spirit,  
Fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle within them the Fire  
of Your Love.  
Send forth your spirit, and they  
shall be created, and you shall  
renew the Face of the Earth..."*



## **Joint Parish Council**

The Council consists of members from both parishes and is a consultative body for the pastor. The overall mission of the council is to assist the pastor in setting goals and missions.

Each term is three years. For more information, contact

Joy Casterton (joyc623@hotmail.com)

### **Finance Committee**

This council assists the pastor and/or Director of Faith Formation in the financial resources of the parish. Each council is established by the local bishop and works closely with the Parish Council.  
Contact: Ross Jean (812) 508-5632)

### **Communication**

Work includes running the parish website, Flocknotes and more.  
Parish Website: Noelle Jean (812) 508-5631  
Flocknotes: Amy Miskuf (317) 409-2197

### **Grounds Maintenance**

This work includes maintaining the grounds of the parish in addition to any building needs.

St. Vincent: Tracy Garofola (812) 279-3608  
St. Mary's: Francis Buddy Scherschel (812) 277-6966

### **Stewardship**

This commission is responsible for the teaching and good practice of good stewardship.

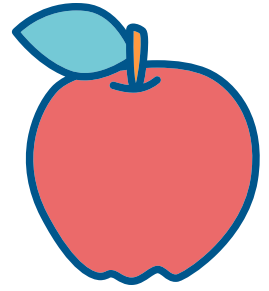
St. Vincent: Jim Clark (812) 797-8803  
St. Mary's: Irene Stockton (812) 277-0252



## School Commission

This commission is responsible for overseeing the operation of the parish school (setting school policy, budget planning, etc.)

For more information, contact principal Teresa Underwood (812) 279-2540,



## Parent Teacher Group (PTG)

The PTG works to create and promote a friendly, supportive atmosphere for families and teachers of St. Vincent School. Contact principal Teresa Underwood for more information (812) 279-2540

## School Volunteers

The opportunities for volunteers range from being in the cafeteria, helping out in the classroom but also clerical work. Contact principal Teresa Underwood for more information (812) 279-2540



## Faith Formation Commission

This commission works to provide opportunities to help parishioners grow in their faith through evangelization, special events, and lifelong Catholic Education. Those interested may contact Michael Ware (warem@svsbedford.org) or Melissa Epping (eppingmelissa@yahoo.com)

### Religious Education for Children

Children in grades K-8 are offered throughout the year at both parishes. Volunteer Catechists are needed to help teach different grade levels.  
St. Vincent: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Contact: Michael Ware)  
St. Mary's: After 8:30 a.m. Mass (Contact: Melissa Epping)

## RCIC/Special

### Sacramental Prep

Special sessions on understanding the sacraments, their rites can be provided on an individual basis for children beyond 2nd grade, or for teens and adults who have not been baptized yet.

St. Vincent: Michael Ware  
(warem@svsbedford.org)

St. Mary's: Melissa Epping:  
eppingmelissa@yahoo.com

### Adult Catechesis

Faith Education through bible studies, retreat,s parish missions, etc. All is to offer the parish opportunities to deepen their faith. Events are planned through the Faith Formation Commission.  
(Contact Michael Ware or Melissa Epping)

## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS is held for children ages 4-10 at both St. Vincent and St. Mary's.

Adult volunteers are needed for soliciting contributions from the faith community and coordinating meal plans. Youth volunteers are also needed.

St. Vincent: Amy Miskuf (317) 409-2197

St. Mary's: Melissa Epping  
(eppingmelissa@yahoo.com)

## Communion Service

Daily communion services are offered at St. Vincent at 7:00

a.m. Mon - Sat. Interested

participants must be

Eucharistic Ministers and must also be willing to lector both readings and prayers.

St. Vincent: Cathy Andrews  
(812) 583-2542

## Perpetual Adoration Chapel

The Catholic Community has a chapel that is open 24/7. Individuals are needed to spend 1 hour a week with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayers, reading or contemplating Jesus with their hearts is done at this time. Those interested in participating or offering cleaning services can contact Michael Ware for more information (warem@svsbedford.org)



# The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

RCIA is for individuals ...

1. In need of Baptism
2. Baptized Christians wishing to become Catholic
3. Catholics in need of First Communion/Confirmation

## What is RCIA?

RCIA is the process established by the Catholic Church for individuals interested in becoming Catholic, and who receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. It was the way the Catholic Church Christianized pagans of the Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration of RCIA.

It is a spiritual journey, centered on fostering a deep relationship with Christ. It takes place over the course of several months and includes a thorough catechesis, experiences with the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic Church.

Individuals Interested can contact Cathy Andrews (812) 583-2542, Michael Ware ([warem@svsbedford.org](mailto:warem@svsbedford.org)) or Lou Getman (812) 849-0865





## **Evangelization**

Evangelization is a 6 week program welcoming those who have been away from the Church. Topics range from an Overview of the Mass, inactive Catholics, and much more. Contacts: Greg Stanley (812) 275 - 6623, Michael Ware (warem@svsbedford.org)

## **Marriage Prep**

Engaged couples wishing to be married in the Church should contact Fr. Rick or Deacon Dave. Mentor couples are also available to assist engaged couples via the FOCCUS Program. The program is designed help couples better engage for marriage. For more information, please contact Deacon Dave (812) 278-1795

## **Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)**

CRHP is a weekend where participating men and women take time out to pray, rethink priorities and get to know fellow parishoners while growing as a community. CRHP is also a weekend of reflecting and sharing issues going on in each others' lives. For more information, contact Susan Johnson (708) 267-7827 or the Parish Office.

## **Sacristans**

Sacristans work to help in overall preparation for the Mass.  
St. Vincent: Susan Johnson (708) 267-7827, Deacon Dave  
St. Mary's: Helen Heffernan (812) 849-0872

## **Ushers**

Adults and confirmed youth can assist parishoners with greeting and seating in a friendly and reverent manner.  
St. Vincent: Darrell May (812) 279-1324  
St. Mary's: Helen Heffernan (812) 849-0872)

## **Family Life & Social Concerns**

This commission is responsible for promoting family life and social justice within the parish and civic community. Responsibilities include developing parish informed action based programs based on the teachings of the Church, identifying social issues and human needs in the parish provide family life programs, etc. Contact: Beth Lewis  
(812) 278-8195

## **Bereavement**

This committee is designed to express sympathy and compassion to the bereaved on behalf of the Parish at the time of death. St. Vincent: Rosemary Stanley  
(812) 276-1641  
St. Mary: Marilyn Epping  
(812) 849-6644  
For funeral mass planning, and help with ongoing grieving, contact Deacon Dave.

## **Comunion for the Homebound**

This ministry provides the sick, homebound or shut in visits and the Eucharist to nursing homes, person's home or assisted living.  
Contact: Bud Underwood (812) 275-5237 or Deacon Dave (812) 278-1795



## Altar Society

This is a group of women who work to keep the altar clothes, flowers, linens and so much more in tact. There are annual dues, and meetings are every third Tuesday of each month. Masses are also offered for deceased and living members. In addition, the society prays the Holy Rosary together on the First Friday of each month. Contact: Patty Craig  
(812) 320-4754

## Adult and Traditional Choir

Traditional Choir sings at the 10:30 Masses on Sunday Mornings. Music consists of both traditional Catholic and Christian Hymns. The adult choir sings at funerals or other special events. Cantors are also needed. If you can talk, you can sing!

St. Vincent:

Steve Kopp: (812) 275-3777 or (812) 508-2362

St. Mary's: Vanessa Dorsett (812) 276-3459



## Altar Servers

The altar server serves the priests and deacons at Mass. Boys and Girls must complete 1st Communion.

St. Vincent: Michael Ware  
(warem@svsbedford.org)

St. Mary's: Helen Heffernan  
(812) 849-0872

## **Young**

### **Adult Ministry**

Young Adults in their 20s - 30s have a great chance to get together for social events, bible studies and so much more. Contact: Michael Ware (warem@svsbedford.org)

### **Senior Club**

Senior Club is for parishioners 50 and older. The club holds monthly events except during the winter when travel is difficult.

Contact: Linda Fitzpatrick (812) 797-9555

### **Care-ing Committee & Giving Tree**

Mission: Provide monetary or physical assistance to parishioners. All monetary donations MUST be approved by parish priest.

Contact Mike & Geri Daugherty (michael-daugherty@sbcglobal.net) (loveisangels74@sbcglobal.net)

## **Youth Ministry**

Youth in high school gather monthly to discuss how they can apply their faith to their everyday lives, The youth also participate in special events such as the March for Life, the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), World Youth Day (WYD) and so much more.

Contact Kathy Quaas (812) 583-8617

### **Prayer Chain**

The prayer chain is an opportunity for parishioners to use prayer to impact the lives of others via an email/phone list. Members of the phone tree receive one call a day with the prayer requests, and online members receive emails with the intentions listed.

Contact: Marilyn Epping (812) 849-6644  
Melissa Epping (eppingmelissa@yahoo.com)

## Parish Office

### Volunteer

Addressing envelopes, stuffing bulletins, collections, filing papers, and other office tasks are available to a volunteer, whether on a one-time or regular basis.

St. Vincent: Elizabeth Cole

(812) 279-6539,

[colee@svsbedford.org](mailto:colee@svsbedford.org)

St. Mary's: Joyce

Daughterty

([stmarysmitchell294@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmitchell294@gmail.com))

## Parish Cleaning

Assist in cleaning the church facility including emptying trash, cleaning windows and sills, straightening books and materials in pews, sweeping (mopping, as appropriate) floors and dusting furnishings in the worship area, vestibule,

Reconciliation room, confessionals, and sacristy areas. St. Vincent: Patty Craig (812) 320-4754

St. Mary's: Mary Kleihege, 812-277-6758,

Helen Heffernan (812) 849-0872 or Peg Reitman (812)

388-7144 for more information and scheduling.

## Homebound Letter

Coordination of the monthly publication of articles, reflections, word puzzles and other related uplifting items of interest for shut-ins in our faith community. Newsletter organizer and coordinator is Deacon Dave Reising, 812-278-1795 ([reisings1971@att.net](mailto:reisings1971@att.net)). Greg Stanley, 812-275-6623 ([gstanley32@att.net](mailto:gstanley32@att.net)) is the publication's editor, formats the material submitted via Deacon Dave for monthly newsletter.

## **Pro Life**

This ministry involves communicating info on pro-life issues (abortion prevention, pregnancy care, suicide prevention, related health insurance issues, healing opportunities for those involved with abortions, etc. to our faith community and organizing/publicizing/and-or participating in activities and events that support the Church's position on these concerns. Pro-Life Ministry contact is Laura Dusard, 812-675-7988 (lauradusard@gmail.com) or Jane Miller (812) 276 - 2227



## **Knights of Columbus**

In addition to raising and donating more than \$151 million to charitable needs and projects, Knights volunteered more than 69 million hours of their time to charitable causes. Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national, and international projects. If you'd like to be a part on an international organization of 1.8 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you and invite you to join us. Contact Greg Stanley (812) 275 - 6623

## Becky's Place

Becky's Place is designed to "provide shelter and create hope" for women and children who are experiencing homelessness and moving toward a life of self-sufficiency. If you're interested in volunteering, or would like to find out more, contact

## Men's Warming Shelter

The men's warming shelter works to help provide homeless men in the area a warm place to stay during the winter months.

Contacts:

Tina Kern (812) 277-5816  
Jennifer Richason (812) 797-2295

## Legacy Garden

The Legacy Garden works to provide memorials for anyone wishing to have a brick in the legacy garden. Each brick purchased will go toward paying off the debt of the Shamrock Center. For more information, contact Linda Smith (812) 675-3462 for more information.

## Collection Counting

Volunteers are needed to help with counting the collections following each Sunday.

Volunteer teams count once every six weeks. For more information

St. Vincent: Elizabeth Cole  
(812) 275-6539

[colee@svsbedford.org](mailto:colee@svsbedford.org)

St. Mary's: John Castrale (812)  
508-2849

## Ladies of Columbus

The purpose of this organization is Faith, Friendship and Service. The

Ladies Auxiliary provides the opportunity for wives (mothers, unmarried daughters, unmarried granddaughters, sisters and widows), of Knights of Columbus members to come together in fellowship with the primary goal of providing organized assistance to the Knights. This assistance takes many forms and may include help at K of C sponsored events, fundraising assistance and set-up and beautification of facilities. The organization also provides the opportunity to form friendships and serve Christ by serving our church and our community. Please contact Rosemary Stanley (812) 276-1641

## Prayer Ministry

Do you feel you have a gift for prayer? Do you wish to see that prayer in action helping others? Consider joining the prayer ministry! The group consists of parishoners lead by the Deacon in helping those who are asking for prayer, be it physical or emotional. Prayer ministry members wear the medal of St. Benedict and pray for parishoners after Mass. For more information, contact Deacon Dave (812) 278-1795

## St. Vincent de Paul

### Society

This is a volunteer group who works to provide various services to the poor. For more information, contact Karen Wade (812) 583-2513



**Still don't see a ministry you're interested in?  
Check out the parish website ([yourcclc.org](http://yourcclc.org)) or  
talk to Fr. Rick to see how you can be involved!**

