

SERVICE

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers help the priest as he celebrates the Mass. Girls and boys, 4th Grade and above, are invited to join this ministry. Training classes, held several times a year, provide the skills needed to perform this ministry.

Bobbi Rivas 362-2280

ART AND ENVIRONMENT

The Art & Environment Ministry is responsible for creating an environment to enhance liturgical experiences. Stewards are needed for decorating the church on the onset of Christmas and Easter as well as other occasions throughout the liturgical year.

Liturgy Team (Phyllis Sawyer) 375-6651x107

BULLETIN STUFFERS/OFFICE HELPERS

There is an occasional need for help in placing additional information in the bulletin prior to disbursing. Bulletin work is normally done on Friday mornings at the church. Individuals help with this as well as the occasional need to help staff prepare mail-outs.

Bulletin Stuffers: Bill Kibble 344-7053 Office Helpers: Parish Office 375-6651

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW) OF ST. MARK'S

Since 1970 this ministry has been uniting the women of St. Mark's Parish for religious, educational and social activities. Our symbol is aptly entitled "Serving Hands" as we support our parish community by providing services including Altar Care, Funeral Dinners, Coffee Hours, Charitable Fund Raiser, Rummage Sale, Sewing Circle, Craft Night, and Play Group. We meet once a month for social, spiritual and informational purposes.

Tracy Janis (Pres.) 658-1871 or Dee Becker (Membership) 375-9131

EUCCHARISTIC OUTREACH (For the Homebound)

These Eucharistic Ministers are commissioned to feed the community of St. Mark's with the Body and Blood of Christ by visiting the aged & sick and bringing them the Body of Christ.

Joe and Alma Rodriguez 375-8364

EVANGELIZATION RETREAT

The primary purpose of the Evangelization Retreat is an opportunity to grow closer to the Lord. The retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. Enjoy the comforts of your own bed at night. The Faith Sharing Communities evolve from this retreat. You must have previously attended a St. Mark's Evangelization Retreat to serve.

Val Allen 375-6651 x-108

EXTRAORDINARY EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

This ministry is open to confirmed (age 16 or older), practicing Catholics who have a deep love for the Eucharist and who wish to share that love with every member of the worshipping community through service in liturgical celebrations.

Training: Deacon Mike Lowe 853-2571

FOOD BANK OF ST. MARK'S

The food bank's mission is to gather, manage, and distribute resources to families or individuals in a crisis situation. Donation of food and monetary donations from parishioners to the St. Jude Fund are used to support this ministry. Volunteers staff the center. Office hours are 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Teresa Taylor (Chairperson) 327-0345

GARDEN MINISTRY

Maintenance of the land/grounds/gardens of the Church property is primarily done by our good stewards. Some will help create and maintain a prayer garden area as well as work in our 'Garden of Plenty'.

Victoria Martin 286-1857

HEALTH MINISTRY

The St. Mark's Health Ministry is a parish-based program that promotes holistic health care and the harmony of mind, body and spirit. This dynamic approach to prevention and wellness offers individuals, families and groups the opportunity to mobilize available community and parish resources, in order to reach their optimum level of wellness.

Mary Stackle 376-7192 Linda Arkoosh 323-8875

HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY CONNECTIONS

We assist adult parishioners who have medical conditions which limit their participation in parish community. We connect them with volunteers who can help them by providing transportation to Mass and other church related functions, visiting in person or by phone, or giving them information on other community resources. Caring volunteers are always welcome.

Betty Brigante 375-7613

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This Catholic family, fraternal, and service organization is open to all men of the parish. The Knights of Columbus are involved in special Church, community and family activities.

Ed Herrera 938-1288 Jeff Allen (membership) 938-3594

LATINO COMMUNITY

This is an organized community which provides fellowship for Spanish speaking individuals. Time is spent in prayer, companionship, and service to the greater community.

Joe and Alma Rodriguez 375-8364

LAZARUS; Bereavement-Grief

The Lazarus program volunteers along with our parish staff offer assistance upon the knowledge of terminal illness or death. We hope to assist in various ways with the help of the Holy Spirit. Areas of assistance include, but are not limited to, prayer and emotional, arrangements for the Sacrament of Healing (Anointing of the Sick), Advanced Directives and insurance planning, referrals to community resources, and funeral service planning.

Deacon Mike Lowe 375-6651

LECTORS (MINISTERS OF THE WORD)

Lectors proclaim the Word of God each Sunday at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word. Lectors are asked to spend time with God's Word. Their concern is for the community to hear, feel, see, imagine and be nourished by the message. Each lector is scheduled for two Sundays each quarter.

Vicki Lord 377-1332

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a group dedicated to the service of our Blessed Mother in our parish. Members visit the sick, the shut-ins, and those in hospitals. They strive to serve others always with Mary's attitude of attention, care, and concern while remembering that those they serve are in the image of Christ. The Legion holds a weekly devotional meeting in the Conference Room every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM.

Margaret Zueger 376-6631

PRISON AND JAIL MINISTRY FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Prison ministers provide spiritual assistance and support to people in the Idaho State Correctional Institutions and the Ada County Jail. Join us in sharing some hope and joy to those who have lost their freedom. This is a weekly ministry. The day and time are different for each correctional institution.

Dick Gallegos 321-0705

QUILTERS GATHER

Quilters/Seamstresses interested in creating and providing comfort with quilts gather and enjoy a commonality of spiritual and creative talents.

Patti Chave 855-0070 Joan Guethle 322-4660

RESPECT LIFE

Respect Life is dedicated to sharing information, which can help preserve all human life. Operating under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the Committee for Pro Life Activities of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops we share the Church teaching that all human life is sacred, for it is created in the image and likeness of God. St. Mark's group meets as appropriate throughout the year, as involvement of the entire parish is pursued.

Renee Hankel 378-1858

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S (St. Mark's Conference)

Our mission is to help those in need in our local community. We support those in need by making home visits and personally showing them we care. An early St.

Vincent de Paul motto is “No work of charity is foreign to the society.”

Kevin Ankrom 853-2593

SOCIAL JUSTICE

We promote education, awareness, and action of Catholic Social Justice teaching.

Mark and Tami Masarik 377-3022

VALLEY VIEW RETIREMENT OUTREACH

On the Fourth Tuesday of each month, Mass is celebrated at the Valley View Retirement home. Stewards from the St. Mark’s community assist resident parishioners by helping them attend the Mass. They also serve as Extraordinary Ministers and spend time visiting with them.

Janet Clark 377-4789