



St. Wenceslaus Parish

Ministry Catalogue

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Faith Formation

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The Faith Formation Commission coordinates parish initiatives to lead all ages to an ever more mature faith in Christ, a deeper knowledge and love of His person and message, and a firm commitment to follow Him.

Vacation Bible School/Totus Tuus: Takes place during summer months. Help with crafts, games, storytelling, snacks, registration, material prep. at home, photography, decorating or childcare. Contact Ellen Poliskey, 319-337-4957, icstwencym@diodav.org.

RCIA: RCIA is the process by which adult men and women become full members of the Church. The team shares faith stories and shows hospitality to catechumens and candidates. Attend weekly meetings during the process, culminating at Easter. Contact Sr. Theresa Kruml, 319-351-2592, theresa.kruml@gmail.com.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets Tues. at 7:30 AM in the church hall. Currently studying 1 Corinthians in the Great Adventure Series/Ascension Press. Contact Sr. Theresa Kruml, theresa.kruml@gmail.com, 319-351-2592.

Sacramental Preparation: All youth, (Homeschoolers, Regina Catholic School and religious education) attend preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation/Eucharist (second grade or above) and Confirmation (9th grade and above) here in the parish. Contact church office 319-337-4957, icstwencpa@diodav.org.

Journeys in Faith Speakers Bureau: Assist with all aspects of securing outside speakers on a spring and fall basis. Contact Kathie Staley, 319-351-0072.

Liturgy Commission

Don Pohnl, d.pohnl@att.net, 319-644-2199

The Liturgy Commission assists with the various liturgies of the church throughout the year and provides opportunities for spiritual growth and prayer. It oversees the liturgical ministries listed below.

Usher: Care for people at Mass; also help with seating, collection and distributing bulletins. Arrive 15 minutes early.

Lector: Reflect upon and then proclaim the Word of God and intercessions at Mass.

Gift Bearer: Represent the faith community by presenting the gifts to the priest during the offertory at Mass.

Altar Server: Assist the priest and deacon during Mass. 4th grade and older.

Lauder Altar Server Albs: On a rotation basis, 12 albs per month

Eucharistic Minister: Reverently distribute the precious Body and Blood of Christ

Junior Sacristan: (Girls age 9 and older) Assist with care of sanctuary and sacristies. Contact Sr. Theresa Kruml, theresa.kruml@gmail.com, 319-351-2592.

Organ/Piano/Guitar or other Instrument Musician: Contact Gretchen Brown, gretchenbrown@gmail.com, 319-358-6709.

Cantor/Song Leader Adult Choir: Receive training in leading the parish in song and ways to increase participation. Receive initial/annual training. Sing for special occasions. Contact Kelsey Steffen, kmduhrk@gmail.com, 712-790-7190.

Caring for Plants in Church: See to it that live plants are watered accordingly and that silk flowers are polished. Contact Sr. Theresa Kruml theresa.kruml@gmail.com, 319-351-2592.

Assist with Decorating: Church and/or hall for each liturgical season. Contact Teresa Morgan, brickhouse05@gmail.com, 319-621-0015.

Church Life

Kim Nuxoll, kimberlynuxoll@gmail.com, 319-512-6394

The Church Life Commission works to build community within our parish; from welcoming and hospitality to neighborhood picnics and special events. This commission can always use your energy to help promote a stronger sense of community at St. Wenceslaus.

Annual Fortnight of Freedom: Needs chairperson, picnic volunteers and helpers.

Parish Picture Directory: Work with outside company to organize, update and maintain parish photo directory @ every 10 years.

Parking Lot Dance: Held spring and fall after 4:00 Mass on a Saturday. Organize dates, lot clean up, refreshments set-up and/or DJ Dance. Contact Ben Kratz, 319-351-2846, kratzmassage@gmail.com.

Bring Communion to Homebound: Weekly visit a home-bound parishioner any day of the week and bring them communion. Contact Margaret Post, megpost@reagan.com, 319-354-0585.

Prayer Phone Line: Serve as prayer partner to pray with others for a special need. Contact the church office 319-337-4957, icstwencpa@diodav.org.

Family Life

Ben Kratz, kratzmassage@gmail.com, call 351-2846

The Family Life Commission seeks to help families put Christ at the center of their lives. They support families at all stages in life and provide opportunities for spiritual growth and well-being, social connections and service. If you are passionate about working with and supporting families, join this commission or sign-up to help with one of the following ministries.

Serve Coffee and Donuts after Mass on rotation schedule as a means of fellowship among parishioners on Sunday mornings after the 8:00 or 10:00 Mass. Contact Don Pohnl, dpohnl@att.net, 319-644-2199.

Meal Train: Prepare a meal for a family with a new baby or a family experiencing difficulties due to illness, tragedy, etc. Receive notifications through email with a sign-up link or by phone if you prefer. Help out as often as your schedule allows. Contact: Leigh Ann Kennedy Poe, 319-338-1853, LeighannKennedy@yahoo.com.

Youth Ministry: St. Wenceslaus offers youth activities for three age groups: K-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, and high school. You're welcome to join us at any time! Contact our youth minister, Ellen Poliskey icstwencym@diodav.org, 319- 337-4957.

Volunteer Lawn Mower: Assist with mowing and maintaining parish grounds throughout summer on a rotating team basis. Contact Gary Sieren, 319-653-9983 garykofc@iowatelecom.net.

Social Justice and Peace

Deb Kratz, dkratz333@gmail.com, 319-530-9175

The Social Justice Commission plans ways to promote an awareness of the social teachings of the Gospel and provides ways for parishioners to respond to the Gospel challenges of justice, peace & compassion. Our ministries are:

Rice Bowl: Coordinate distribution of Rice Bowls, advertisement & collection at Lent.

Prison Ministry: Meets Tuesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Volunteers provide: material for RCIA class work, monthly publications, *Living Faith* and *Give Us This Day*, pamphlets for how to pray Holy Rosary/Divine Mercy/Stations Catholic, Catechism/Catholic Bible/Book of Saints/Requests, New Mass books/Palms/Ashes/Advent Wreath/Holy Water.

Project Holiday for the Crisis Center: Red gift tags are made available seeking money for meals to be given to those in need at Christmas time.

Informed Choices Walk in May: This annual walk is to help Informed Choices Medical Clinic and the women they serve.

Pro-Life Committee: We promote a respect for the dignity of life from conception to natural death. We ask for guidance through prayer to give support to any life affirming activity or need here and in our community. Our goal is to serve with charity and compassion. Activities include; Monthly Pro-Life rosary, 40 Days for Life campaign, Culture of Life Dinner, Spiritual Adoption Program, Fundraiser for the March for Life, Saint Nicholas Day Party. Contact Mary Anderson, mary-e-anderson@uiowa.edu, 319-354-5303 or the Kabat family jkab408@aol.com, 319-512-5407.

Social Justice and Peace, Continued

Iowa City Free Lunch Program: Assist a team of people with preparing and serving lunch for guests at the Iowa City Free Lunch Program at 1105 S. Gilbert Ct. the 4th Monday of each month. Contact Jackie Simpson, mikeandjackiesimp-son@mchsi.com, 319-321-3077.

Crisis Center Food Bank: The second weekend of the month, (Pantry Sunday) non-perishable food items as well as paper products and baby items are collected in the gathering space before all Masses. Assist in transporting items collected to Crisis Center. Contact Monica Maloney Mitros, mmmitros@mchsi.com, 319-338-4742.

Winter Clothing Drive: Assist with annual collection, transporting, and distributing items. Contact LuAnn Williams, luann-williams@uiowa.edu, 319-337-2005 or Diana Cox, RDTCOX@mchsi.com, 319-351-6811.

Gifts for Parents (at Christmas time): Parishioners are asked to re gift a new or gently used item that a child may choose to give his guardian as a Christmas gift. Assist with collection and transportation to distribution site as well as assist on distribution day. Contact Diann Zirtzman, diann.zirtzman@regina.org, 399-351-1930 or Jane Swails, goldengirl1930@live.com.

Men's and Women's Groups

Fathers of St. Joseph: Meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 5:45 AM. Contact Chris Kabat, ckabatbroker@yahoo.com, 319-512-5407.

Altar & Rosary Society: Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM. Contact Luann Williams, luann-williams@uiowa.edu, 319-337-2005.

Knights of Columbus: Meets the second Monday of the month. Contact Phil Kean, 319-887-1265 keanphil@centurylink.net.

Monthly Evenings of Recollection: Meets the first Thurs-day of each month. Father Barry Cole, Priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei, offers confession for the entire family from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. The Evening of Recollection begins at 7 PM. All high school age and older are invited. Alternating months special evening for men/women. Contact Inga Ossoinig, 319-337-4066.