



# Ministry Opportunities

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Sacred Heart  
Catholic Church

*Parish Vision Statement*

*Drawing Our Life from the Eucharist,  
Our parish family will live  
The Mission of Jesus Christ  
Through prayer, faith formation, and service*

*“God sends each person  
into this world with a  
special message to de-  
liver, with a special  
song to sing, and with a  
special act of love to  
bestow”*

Fr. John Powell,  
Through Seasons of the Heart

Dear Parishioners,

We want Sacred Heart to be a parish in **which one can hear a “special message” and learn a “special song”**. With this message and song, God sends us like the 72 who were sent in the beginning.

This Ministry Directory describes some of the ways we receive and are served, but more importantly ways we can give and ways we can serve.

Even though we see our lives in terms of the mission, we know that even the first believers who were sent, and even Jesus himself, too, needed time apart for reflection and for continuing personal formation and reformation. Maintenance has its place.

Use this booklet as a resource for yourself and others you know who have a desire to be involved in the Life of Christ. As you can see, there are a lot of ways the message is being heard and delivered, the song learned and sung, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Your Pastor,



Fr. John M. Sauer

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Hear my words O Lord;  
Listen to my sighing.  
Hear my cry for help, my King, my God!  
To you I pray, O Lord.

Psalm 5:1-2

# Prayer

*And we can be confident that he will  
listen to us whenever we ask for  
anything in line with his will.*

1 John 5:14



## Liturgy Commission

### Altar Servers

Contact: Shirley Pfeifer  
451-8527  
sdfife1@hotmail.com

Girls and Boys from the fourth grade through high school interested in being an altar server are invited to join this special ministry.

### **Altar Server's Garb Caretaking**

Contact: Dorothy Diekmann  
451-0817

Following each weekend, the garbs are rearranged by size so servers can easily find their proper size. Garb is also laundered if necessary. This ministry is a hidden and humble work, but is very essential.

### Altar Linens

Contact: Mary Ann Janous  
Fran Janous  
451-6608

On a weekly basis, altar linens are laundered and ironed.

### Eucharistic Ministry

Contact: Mark Meyer  
451-5581

Eucharistic Ministers are commissioned to feed the community of the faithful with the Body and Blood of Christ. This ministry is open to confirmed Catholics who are members of Sacred Heart and who have a deep love of and respect for the Eucharist.

### Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound

Contact: Fran Janous  
451-6608

This ministry involves a commitment of time by a Eucharistic Minister following 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM Masses on Sunday. Ministers share a schedule with other ministers on a rotating basis one or two Sundays per month. Visits are made to homebound members of our parish as well as to all Catholics in assisted living facilities. The time can vary from 1 1/2 to 2 hours. This ministry is very rewarding and very much appreciated by the homebound.

## Eucharistic Ministry to the Nursing Homes

Contact: Shirley Pfeifer (Cedar View)  
451-8527  
sdfife1@hotmail.com  
Pete Schneider (Cedar View)  
451-6275  
Nancy Olson (Cedar View)  
451-8692  
Sister Sarah Hennessey  
451-1588  
srsarah@sacredheartowatonna.org  
OPEN (Commons)

This ministry involves a commitment of time by a Eucharistic Minister on weeks when there is no weekday Mass at the nursing homes. Lay ministers conduct a communion and rosary service, and make room visits to those unable to attend the service.

Mass is offered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at both Cedar View and Commons. Assisted Care Facilities are also visited.

## Lectors/Readers

Contact: Joyce Wicks  
451-1451  
joycewicks@gmail.com

Readers proclaim the Word of God through the liturgical readings designated for specific Sundays and Holy Days. At each Mass, they also welcome the assembly, introduce the theme of the Mass, announce the songs, lead the prayer petitions, and at the end of the Mass, make any announcements. A training session is provided for all new readers.

## Liturgical Arts & Environment Committee

Contact: Parish Office

This group of individuals and families carries out the decorating for liturgical seasons, assists in planning for improvements and cares for some of the items used by liturgical ministries. Members of the group help manage and maintain plants and flowers within the church and narthex.

## Liturgical Music

Contact: Sr. Sarah Henessey  
451-1588

srsarah@sacredheartowatonna.org

Liturgical music is provided by many choirs and individuals. Our choirs include:

Combo, 5:00 PM Mass—

Mary Tellijohn 451-7984

Adult Choir, 7:30 AM Mass—

Ron Schleif 451-2132

randks@charter.net

Cherub Choir, 9:00 AM Mass—

Leo Seykora 451-2906

10:30 Choir, 10:30 AM Mass—

Pete Guenther 446-0877

peter0877@msn.com

Praise and Worship, 10:30 AM Mass—

Angela Donlon 444-9956

awdonlon@yahoo.com

Hispanic Choir, 1:00 PM Mass—

Araceli Correa 444-0683

iquessyaquza@yahoo.com

Resurrection Choir for funerals—

Kay Krumholz 451-9412

Musicians interested in providing wedding music are part of a list who may be contacted by wedding couples. Please let the office staff know if you would like to be included on this list.

## Mass Greeters

Contact: Kay Wagner 451-7885  
jkwags@charter.net

Greeters welcome the people to our weekend assembly for worship, greeting both in the Narthex and at the Cedar Avenue entrance. Please, if you can, volunteer.

## Sacristans

Contact: Gerry Gunderson  
451-4679  
gkgundy@charter.net

Sacristans are volunteers who are responsible for the preparation of the items necessary for Sunday Mass. They arrive before mass to insure that there are adequate supplies available and ready for use by the priest, altar servers and readers.

## Ushers

Contact: Tom Schmitt  
455-1333  
tschmitt@charter.net

Ushers attend to the needs of the assembly at Weekend, Holy Day and Special Liturgies. They gather the regular and special collections, respond to special worship needs of parishioners, and work to assure a comfortable, pleasant worship setting. They are also responsible for picking up items left in pews after Mass and placing worship aids in racks provided. Both men and women are invited in this ministry.

## Videotaping

Contact: Tom Klecker  
451-2061  
klecketo@localnet.com

One of the weekend Masses is taped each week and is shown on cable TV, channel 8 on Mondays @ 11:30 AM, Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM and Thursdays @ 2:00 PM. Requests for the original tape or copies should be made with Tom Klecker or the parish office Arrangements for the videotaping of a wedding must be made three months in advance of the wedding date. The fee for the taping of a wedding is **\$130 (1 VHS tape, 4 DVD's)**. Please call Tom to schedule.



*Creator God,  
At Baptism, we accepted the call  
to follow Jesus.  
Be with us as we move along on  
our faith journey.  
Send us your Holy Spirit, that we might have  
wisdom for the journey.  
Help us to develop and share our gifts as good  
stewards, that we may use them in love and  
service in your Kingdom.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen*



## Prayer Goups Commission

### Eucharistic Adoration

Contact: Mary Tellijohn  
451-7984

Every Thursday, Sacred Heart has Eucharistic Adoration in the Church from 8:00 am—Midnight. At least two people are signed up as Eucharistic Guardians for every hour. More people are needed to fill in hours. Drop-ins are always welcome.

### Gospa Prayer

Contact: Mary Herzog  
451-0552

The word “Gospa” is the Croatian word for “Our Lady”. This group meets the first and third Mondays of the month in Church at 7:00 PM. Come and pray with us.

### Moms In Touch International (MITI)

Contact: Kris Tucker, SMS  
455-0601  
ek.tucker@charter.net  
Mary Eisman, OHS  
444-9031

This is a group of moms dedicated to praying for their children and for the school they attend. This was started 20 years ago. At Sacred Heart, on Fridays, we pray for the St. **Mary’s School children and staff and we pray** for the Owatonna High School children and staff. All moms are welcome to pray for their child/children.

### Prayer Network

Contact: Gina Pohlen  
446-1093  
Helen Chesney  
451-4220  
Vel Engen  
451-6392

Anyone with a prayer request can call one of the people listed above. The network calls volunteers on a list and as the requests spread among the entire network, the prayers are being said for that specific request. If you have a request or would like to become a part of the ministry, please call.

## Queen of Peace Prayer Group

Contact: Pete Schneider  
451-6275

This group gathers at 7:30 AM on Saturdays at **St. Joseph's Church for Rosary followed by Mass** at 8:00 AM. After Mass, prayer continues with the Litany, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, other prayers, and ends in song. Come and join us any Saturday.

## Rosary Leaders

Contact: Pete Schneider  
451-6275

Twenty-five minutes before every scheduled Mass, the rosary is recited. It is led by volunteers and prayed by parishioners. We welcome rosary leaders. You can choose which Mass time works best for you.

## Funeral Rosary Leaders

Contact: Dorothy Rysavy  
451-1769

When a request is made by the family, one or two members of our parish will be present to lead a rosary for a parishioner at their wake in the funeral home the day prior to their funeral liturgy. This is a parish rosary so all are welcome to be present. We also welcome additional rosary leaders to this ministry.



*Stewardship is the ability to share one's gifts of life, time, talents, and resources with others with no strings attached and no conditions.*

*- the late Archbishop Thomas Murphy, Seattle*



*Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is  
convenient or inconvenient; Perform all the  
work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.*  
2 Timothy 4:2, 5

# Faith Formation



## Adult Faith Formation Commission

### **Men's Bible Study/Faith Sharing**

Contact: Joe Stiles  
444-0941  
jrstiles1224@msn.com

Men need to support each other, as they strive to be images of God the Father to their spouses, children, and others. The group **reviews the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings**; studies a short commentary on these passages; discusses the meaning for their lives as fathers, husbands, brothers, uncles, grandfathers, etc.; and **prays for attendees' needs**. Coffee and donuts served! Wednesdays from 6 to 7 AM.

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Contact: Sue Redman  
455-3403  
sueredman@msn.com

We read, discuss and reflect on the upcoming **Sunday's Scripture Readings**. This group is open to anyone and meets Wednesday mornings 9:00 to 10:30 AM.

### Bible Timeline Studies

Contact: Gia Plate  
455-1680  
grplate@msn.com

### **Join us as we work through the Jeff Cavins'**

Series on the bible. We have multiple sessions including: The Bible Timeline, the Gospel of Matthew, Acts of the Apostles and Revelation. Future sessions are being planned. Studies are offered at different times throughout the year.

### 7 Steps to Financial Freedom

Contact: Parish Office  
Learn how our relationship with God and how we respond to His call for us to be Stewards of Providence can lead to a more fulfilling life. During this **8-week small group study**, you'll learn to become better stewards of our financial resources and god-given gifts.



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Contact: Sr. Sarah Hennessey  
451-1588

[srsarah@sacredheartowatonna.org](mailto:srsarah@sacredheartowatonna.org)

RCIA, the process used to prepare and welcome new members into the Catholic Church, provides an opportunity for faith-filled people to enter into a deeper relationship with God. As an active, alive Catholic community, we welcome inquiries into our faith. RCIA is also for baptized Catholics who are inactive in their faith and would like to return, as well as for active Catholics interested in pursuing more information about the Church today.

## The Call to be Catholic Speakers Program

Contact: Joe Stiles  
444-0941  
[jrstiles1224@msn.com](mailto:jrstiles1224@msn.com)

Five Owatonna-area Catholic parishes, along with the Gainey Center and the Winona Diocese, have combined their resources to sponsor knowledgeable speakers (often from the **Univ. of St. Thomas or St. Mary's Univ.\*\*) to address topics of interest to adult Catholics. Programs generally are held five times per year (Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar.), alternating between our parish and St. Joseph's. Past topics have included: Scripture, Voting Your Catholic Conscience, Christology, the Eucharist, Marriage, John Paul II, the Role of the Laity, Young & Catholic, and the Challenge of Islam. Once a year, a speaker of national prominence is featured. No charge to attend, but a free will offering is suggested. Committee members select the topics, invite the speakers, develop promotional materials, find volunteers to bring refreshments, and assist with hosting the events. Suggestions for topics are always appreciated.**

## Youth Education / Faith Formation Commission

### Preschool/Kindergarten Sunday School

Contact: Jennye Gieseke-Savoie  
451-4407

**Sacred Heart's Sunday School is open to all** children of the parish ages 4 through Kindergarten. They must be 4 years of age by September of the current school year. There are 3 classes with a limit of 10 children per class. The children participate in song, prayer, and Bible stories. The school is held during the 9:00 AM Mass on most Sundays of the school year. Volunteers are always welcome, especially those having a musical talent.

### Religious Education Program (REP) &

### Catholic Youth of Owatonna (CYO)

Contact: Dan Bauer  
446-2302  
dbauer@charterinternet.com

### REP

This is a program of faith formation for our children who attend public schools. Classes for students in grades 1-6 and 9-10 are held after school and in the evening on Wednesdays. 7th and 8th graders meet Tuesday mornings during a release time program.

### CYO

All Catholic youth in grades 6-12 are members of CYO. This ministry encourages and offers opportunities for building community, appreciation of Scripture and prayer, participation in liturgy and service, with a goal of developing a Christian way of living. Information on events are published through the CYO Newsletter, calendar and through parish bulletins.

### REP/CYO Board

The REP/CYO Board consults with the pastors of both parishes and the director to give guidance in the youth ministry/faith formation of both parishes. There are four members from each of the parishes along with the two pastors and the REP/CYO director. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

## Religious Education For Those With Special Needs

Contact: Mary Tellijohn  
451-7984  
Eunice Meixner  
451-5172

This service provides religious education to those with special education needs. The class meets once a month, usually on the fourth Monday, except Thanksgiving and Christmas week, from 3:45 to 4:45 PM at the Sacred Heart Parish Center and/or the Church. The classes rely on volunteer help. Volunteers are always needed.

### **St. Mary's School**

Website: [www.stmarys-owatonna.org](http://www.stmarys-owatonna.org)  
Contact: Mary Hawkins, Principal  
446-2300  
[mhawkins@stmarys-owatonna.org](mailto:mhawkins@stmarys-owatonna.org)  
Connie Lembke  
[clembke@stmarys-owatonna.org](mailto:clembke@stmarys-owatonna.org)

**St. Mary's School has been a part of the Owatonna Catholic community since 1877.** The school has strived to provide an excellent Catholic education in a Christian atmosphere. Our school and dedicated staff have the highest expectations for students in both behavior **and academic achievement.** **St. Mary's School** consists of licensed and professional teachers and support staff. Our teachers attend conferences and workshops to improve teaching methods and continue their education to best serve our students.

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Dear Jesus,  
I thank you for everything You have given me.  
My gifts of time and talents are precious  
gifts, enable me to use them to do Your will.  
I offer you this day all my words, actions and  
good intentions to reflect my love for You  
and my neighbor.  
Please help me realize that I need to share  
these gifts and all my gifts with the Church  
and others, help me to be generous, patient,  
forgiving and holy. **Amen**

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The school has many opportunities for parishioners of Sacred Heart to help the students **and school**. In addition, **St. Mary's students** participate in concerts, drama productions and athletic contests. Opportunities to volunteer for SMS are as follows:

SCRIP Sales - this program provides gift certificates to school families or anyone else interested in purchasing them, where a percentage of shopping dollars help **St. Mary's school earn funds** for various budget operating costs. Volunteers help in selling SCRIP one weekend at Sacred Heart after all three Sunday Masses; 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Lunchroom/Playground Volunteers - volunteers assist students in the lunchroom; monitor playground activities. Lunchroom volunteers help from 10:55 AM to 12:15 PM. Playground volunteers assist any day of the week from 11:25 AM to 12:30 PM

Sports/Music Boosters - these boosters help raise **money for the school's Sports and Music programs** and provide other types of support. A Spaghetti Supper is a fundraising event for the Sports Boosters and a Pancake Breakfast is one for the Music Boosters.

Homeroom Parents - assist teachers with class parties, activities, paper work, field trips. Times are flexible and vary depending upon your **availability and the teacher's schedule**.

Computer Lab - volunteers assist in the computer lab any day of the week throughout the school year for thirty minutes.

Library - **volunteers assist student's needs**.

Home and School Board - this group is in charge of setting agendas and running the Home and School Association. It provides input from parents to the school administration and heads up projects and fundraisers. They meet on the second Monday of each month & Board members serve for two years.

School Board - this is the main advisory group to the administration and priests regarding school budget, policies, improvements, and overall governance. The Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month and members serve for three years.

Night of Knights Auction - this is a highlight of the school year and is a way for adults to financially **support St. Mary's School and also have an evening of great entertainment**.

St. Mary's School Pre-school - volunteers help

15 with the activities and needs of our young.



As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of **God's varied grace.** 1 Peter 4:10

# Service

*Go in Peace,  
to love and serve the Lord.*



## Human Concerns / Outreach Commission

### Birthright of Owatonna

Contact: Nancy Olson, co-director  
451-8692  
Shirley Pfeifer, co-director  
451-8527  
Owatonna Office  
455-1622  
24-hour service  
1-800-550-4900

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service helping women and teens in troubled pregnancies as well as women who are concerned about the possibility of pregnancy. We provide friendship, support, guidance and educational materials for clients. We make referrals to appropriate resources and provide free pregnancy tests. Maternity clothes and baby clothes are provided free of charge, as needed. Birthright hours are: Tues., Wed., & Thurs from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Sat., 10:00 AM to noon. We are located at 140 1/2 E. Rose Street. Volunteers are needed.

### Elizabeth Ministry

Contact: Sue Gerdts  
456-8324  
srgerdts@rocketmail.com

Elizabeth Ministry celebrates the gift of life through baptismal gifts and pictures of the baptism family. Elizabeth Ministry also offers support and comfort to women and their families before, during and after childbirth. A group of volunteers is available to offer support during situations like, but not limited to, Infertility, Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Adoption, Multiple Birth, Bed Rest, and other similar life experiences.

### Funeral Lunch Committee

Contact: Sue Redman  
455-3403  
Dorothy Diekmann  
451-0817

This ministry helps organize and serve lunches for funerals. Volunteers are always needed.

## Grief Ministry

Contact: Romana Wesely  
451-5047  
onom7@charter.net  
Marie Ann Lawrence  
451-2075  
m2lawrence@charter.net

This ministry offers grief support and comfort to family members who have lost a loved one.

## Hispanic Ministry

Contact: Martha Diaz  
507-271-0122  
marcediaz@msn.com

This ministry is one of welcome and hospitality. Its purpose is to be a support to all of our Hispanic brothers and sisters and their families who live either temporarily or permanently in the Owatonna area. This ministry plans Sunday liturgies, special Feast Days & Baptismal preparations.

## Meals on Wheels

Contact: Janet Mealy  
(Coordinator needed)  
455-3571

Meals on Wheels is a world-wide concept providing nutritious meals to people who are homebound and/or disabled, or would otherwise be unable to maintain their dietary needs. The Owatonna Meals on Wheels seeks support from a network of groups throughout the area to find volunteer drivers.

The Sacred Heart CCW finds drivers for one day a week, four months a year. We always look for new volunteer drivers (male or female)—and appreciate our regular drivers. The program operates out of Senior Place.

## Mentor Couple Program

Contact: Sr. Sarah Hennessey  
451-1588  
srsarah@sacredheartowatonna.org

Married couples mentor engaged couples with friendship and support. Mentors facilitate conversation about important topics from the marriage inventory tool. Training is provided.

## Parish Nurse/Caring Ministry

Contact: Mary Trenda, RN  
451-6832  
mdt@hickorytech.net  
Tracie Peterson, RN  
455-9351  
traciedpeterson@yahoo.com  
Kathy Schleif  
451-2132  
randks@charter.net

This ministry is the health, wellness and holistic approach to life from conception to natural death. The mission of Parish Nursing is the intentional integration of practice of faith with the practice of nursing so that people can achieve wholeness with and through the community of faith in which the parish nurse serves. Some of the opportunities for both professional and lay volunteers to serve are: blood pressure monitoring, educational sessions, networking, friendly visiting, care visits, **“meal runs”, grief support, transportation, “Heart Warmers” articles, and special Masses** and liturgies. Its purpose is to create a **“Catholic Christian Community of Service”** at Sacred Heart with volunteer parishioners meeting individual needs. If you feel the need to serve or to be served, please contact us.

## Respect Life Team

Contact: Kathe Leon  
446-0994  
kathel@charter.net  
Mary Wilson  
451-8807  
josephrwilson@charter.net

The Respect Life Team welcomes all members of Sacred Heart to be part of its mission to share the beautiful Catholic teaching on Life. The Team seeks to help protect human life from the womb to natural death, through prayer, adoration, education, evangelization, and activities and events. We humbly request that all parishioners pray for the preservation of life, and we invite anyone interested in further participation to attend a Respect Life Team meeting, held the first Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center from 12:00 to

## Rides to Mass

Contact: Owatonna Bus Company  
451-5262

A weekly shuttle bus sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart's and St. Joseph's Women's Councils is available for those who need a ride to Mass. The shuttle will pick you up at your home and bring you to the 9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart or to the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph's. **Contact the Owatonna Bus Company for this service.**

## Social Justice Committee

Contact: Tami Seykora-Blum  
451-7178  
tseykora@charter.net  
Dennis Werner  
451-0748  
dmwerner@charter.net

This committee is a group who meet monthly to address social justice within our parish, community and world. It plans events and activities to promote life, dignity and the rights of all. A few of the many activities include Steele County Food Shelf collections, Steele County Clothesline Coat Drive, CROP Walk, Good Samaritan Fund, Caring Hands for Tanzania, Operation Minnesota Nice, Christmas Giving Tree, and Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Your involvement is welcomed, needed and will make a difference.



## Parish Life Commission

### Baptismal Garment Sewing

Contact: Jennifer Buck  
451-4064  
Jennifer.kidskorner@ll.net

Those talented in this field can help with the preparation of baptismal garments and other sewing needs of the parish.

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)

Contact: Janet Miller  
451-1385

Court Owatonna #1180 is part of the largest organization of Catholic women in America. The purpose of this group is to participate in the religious, charitable, and educational work of the Church. CDA meets once a month September through June. Fundraisers include a Spring Salad Lunch and a Fall Bazaar.

## Church Dusters

Contact: Coordinator Needed,  
Contact the Parish Office

This ministry of dusting the worship space and Narthex needs volunteers who have an eye for **dust and will enjoy keeping God's house dust-free**. No vacuuming is involved. Training is provided.

## Fellowship

Contact: Coordinator Needed  
Contact the Parish Office

This ministry encourages an atmosphere of **"family" among our parishioners and extends** the spiritual nourishment to the physical nourishment. It involves serving coffee, juice and rolls on various Sunday mornings after all the Masses, September through May. This ministry is open to everyone.

## Flower Planting

Contact: Mary Herzog  
451-0552  
Fran Janous  
451-6608

This ministry takes care of planting, watering and caring for flowers that are in containers on the south side of the church, by the Shrine of Our Lady of Beauraing, around the Oak Avenue sign and in front of the church. If you have a green thumb, we can use your help.

## Guild of St. Blanche

Contact: Marcella Trandem  
451-5899

This group of Catholic women gather the first Thursday of each month to pray, play cards and enjoy treats.

## Guild of St. Mary

Contact: Evelyn Meese  
451-4454

This guild is a group of women who discuss updated Catholic education materials. They meet the first Monday of every month in the evening for group discussion and coffee.

**Meetings are held in members' homes.**

## Guild of St. Therese

Contact: Fran Janous  
451-6608

**The guild's primary function is sewing for the missions.** Quilts and other items are made. The items sewn are donated to the Salvatorian Missions in New Holstein, WI, to the needy in Guatemala and Haiti and some are given to local needs. The project operates under the International Concerns Commission of the Winona Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. It is supported through the Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women. Knowing how to sew is not a requirement, but women who would be willing to sew at home would be most welcome.

## Knights of Columbus

Contact: Bill Lawrence  
451-2075  
b2lawrence@charter.net

Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization that engages in serving God, church and community. It offers special service to the Pope, bishops, local parishes and projects within the Owatonna community.

## Legion of Mary

Contact: Eileen Ptacek  
451-1553  
Joan Driessen  
451-7474  
Kay Krumholz  
451-9412  
Pete Schneider  
451-6275

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members, developed by prayer and active cooperation in **Mary's and the Church's work. The unit of**

the Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds weekly meetings to pray and offer discussions and reports. There are 6 million active Legionaries throughout the world.

## Nursery

Contact: Mary Schwanke  
444-9051

The nursery is available every Sunday, September through May, during the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Parents with newborns to age six can take advantage of the nursery while attending Mass. It is staffed with two adults or one adult and one teen, your children are assured of quality care. Adults and teens with love of children are welcome to join our volunteers.

## Owatonna Area Serra Club

Contact: Marie Lawrence  
451-2075  
m2lawrence@charter.net

The Owatonna Serra Club is comprised of lay men and women from several Catholic churches in the area. The objectives of Serra are: To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood and religious life, while supporting those who already have dedicated themselves to this ministry; and to further Catholicism by encouraging its members to fulfill their Christian vocation to service.

## **Sacred Heart Women's Council**

Contact: Janet Mealey  
455-3571

This organization acts to support, empower and educate all Catholic Women through **spirituality, leadership and service**. The Council's programs respond to the Gospel values and to the needs of the Church and society in our modern world. The officers and commission chair-people meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the nursery, September through June. Any interested women of the parish are welcome to attend. Some of the projects the local Council is responsible for **are: Women's Spring Banquet, Meals on Wheels, Quilt Collection for Brother Regis and other needs.** Bake Sales provide donations to charity.

## Welcome Ministry

Contact: Kay Krumholz  
451-9412  
fkrumholz@charter.net

The goal of this ministry is to make newcomers feel welcome. Contact is made by phone to answer any questions they might have. A follow-up home visit (with a parish information packet) is also made if desired. This can be a very rewarding ministry.

## Young Adult Group

Contact: Sr. Sarah Hannessey  
451-1588

srsarah@sacredheartowatonna.org

We are 20- 40 years old, married and single, from Sacred Heart and St Joseph. Rooted in faith we invite you to join us for prayer, discussion, and fellowship. We are not a club and invite you to drop in any time.



## Administration Commission

### Archives

Contact: Fran Janous  
451-6608

This is an outgrowth of the work done in 1996 by the Archives Committee in connection with the writing of the new Parish History Book. Historical items already collected plus more to be collected need to be properly preserved and stored.

### Building & Grounds

Contact: Coordinator Needed  
Contact the Parish Office

This ministry supports the physical needs of the parish. We invite people with a talent for **carpentry and a willingness to tackle “fixer up”** projects.

## Communications Committee

Contact: Parish Office

Work with a group of dedicated volunteers to assist in all parish communications from the bulletin boards to the website and more.

**We're always looking for people with a background in writing, public relations, marketing or an interest in these areas to assist us. The parish newsletter, "From the Heart" is always looking for volunteers to assist with writing, editing, photography, and more.**

## Finance Council

Contact: Judy Plemel  
446-0667

[judy.plemel.gm2y@statefarm.com](mailto:judy.plemel.gm2y@statefarm.com)

A group of selected adult parishioners give their time to help the pastor in the development and management of parish resources and financial obligations at Sacred Heart. The Finance Council works with the pastor to develop an annual budget, select and promote fund raising activities within the parish and review parish expenditures to ensure appropriate stewardship and to meet the fiscal needs of Sacred Heart.

## Money Counters

Contact: Parish Office

A small group gathers to assist the office in processing the church sacrificial giving envelopes and special collections.

## Office Volunteers

Contact: Parish Office

We need help in the office from time to time with things like answering phones, parish mailings, applying mailing labels. We usually need help during regular business hours. Teresa Klecker is the parish Communication Secretary. Call the Parish Office, if you are interested in helping.

## Pastoral Council

Contact: Gia Plate  
455-1680  
grplate@msn.com

This council is made up of thirteen members, ten of whom are elected. Elections are held **each May**. **The council's role is to coordinate** and unify our parish community. Its mission is to achieve full participation of the whole parish. The council helps determine the direction the parish should take. Everyone is invited to attend the monthly meetings, which are held the third Tuesday of each month, September through June, usually at 7:30 PM.

## Personnel Advisory Committee

Contact: Diane Holland  
455-2302  
diholland1@charter.net

PPAC advises the pastor and administrator on parish staff additions/changes, develops necessary Human Resource policies and job descriptions for parish employees, and monitors that annual job evaluations are being completed by Pastor and/or Administrator. The committee meets once per quarter.

## Stewardship Committee

Contact: Gerry Gunderson  
451-4679  
gkgundy@charter.net

This group works in conjunction with the Parish Council to assess the needs of the parish; advertises the various parish ministries to parishioners; updates the Ministry Directory; coordinates the annual sign-up of parishioners who pledge their time, talent, and treasure; makes recommendations for allocation of parish resources and committee structures; and assists the pastor in educating parishioners on the principles of stewardship. Meets about once per month.

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