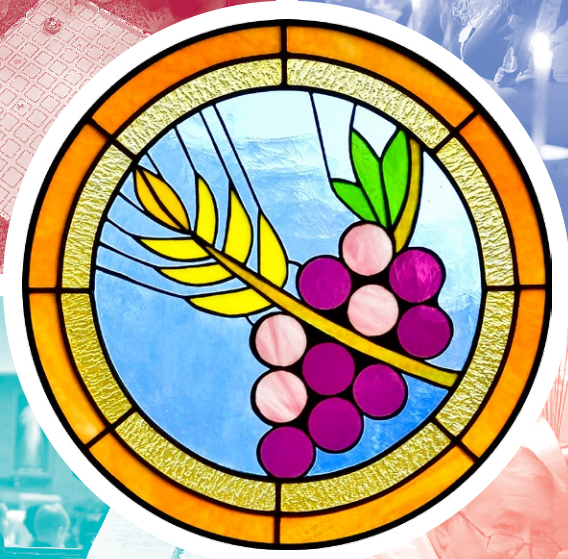


A Guide to All the Ministries of St. Barnabas Catholic Parish and School

◆ **January 2023** ◆



St. Barnabas is a Stewardship Parish Built on the Four Pillars of **HOSPITALITY, PRAYER, FORMATION, AND SERVICE.**

Take a moment to review the various ministries of our parish and prayerfully discern what God may be calling you to do to serve Him and others.

◆ **HOSPITALITY** ◆

Parish Life Commission

Commission members provide oversight over parish ministries involved with parish life, such as the Men's Club, Parish Picnic, parish social events, etc. Contact: **Deacon Tom Hosty** at thosty@stbindy.org

Stewardship Commission

Commission members lead and guide parish stewardship efforts, including the United Catholic Appeal and the annual Covenant Renewal. Contact: **Claire Jackson** at clairenoltingjackson@gmail.com

Ushers and Greeters Ministry

This ministry consists of greeting parishioners as they come to Mass, opening doors, assisting with seating, complete collections, take collection to the safe, pass out bulletins when Mass is completed, clean up pews as needed, close the doors afterward. Contact: **John Wagner** at jjw5284@aol.com

Live Stream Operator

Volunteer to run the live stream operation at one of our weekend Masses and bring the Mass to the homebound and those unable to attend. No technical skills needed, as volunteers can be trained in minutes. Contact: **Brian O'Toole** at botoole78@gmail.com

Funeral Mercy Meals

Volunteer to set up and serve in the parish hall a mid-day meal for families and their friends following the Funeral Mass for their loved ones. Contact: **Patty Cain** at pcain@stbindy.org

Parish Picnic

Serve on the planning team for the annual August Parish Picnic. Involves only seasonal commitment. Contact: **Ja-Deen Johnson** at jjohnson@stbindy.org

Sunday Coffee and Donuts

Volunteer your family or small group to host one of the Sunday Coffee and Donut sessions offered after the 9 am and 11 am Sunday Masses. Contact: **Emily Dozier** at edozier6306@gmail.com

School Advancement or Publicity

If you have marketing, fundraising, or communication skills, volunteer to support our school. Contact: **Ryan Schnarr** at rschnarr@stbindy.org

Men's Club

All parish men are invited to join the Men's Club, which meets once a month for prayer, fellowship, and to plan activities to support our parish youth athletic activities. Contact the president of the Men's Club at stbmensclubpresident@gmail.com



Web Design

Gifted parishioners can assist parish staff in spreading the Good News by ensuring the parish website is relevant and appealing. Contact: **Deacon Tom Hosty** at thosty@stbindy.org

Photography/Videography

Any individuals talented in these fields can assist in capturing visual images of parish liturgies and activities to be used in parish publications. Contact: **Deacon Tom Hosty** at thosty@stbindy.org

School PTO Officer or Event Chair

Join the PTO and provide leadership support for our school, which involves fundraising activities and other activities to support our teachers and students. Contact: **Ryan Schnarr** at rschnarr@stbindy.org

Electrical/Painting/Plumbing/Repairs

Skilled parishioners can assist our parish Director of Facilities in maintaining our facilities. Contact: **Carl Grill** at cgrill@stbindy.org

Buildings and Grounds Committee

The committee serves in an advisory role to the Director of Facilities and the Director of Operations to help plan and sustain our parish facilities. Contact: **Sean Boyle** at sboyle68@sbcglobal.net

Writing/Graphic Design/Grant Writing

Any individual talented in these fields can volunteer for parish publications that need writing or graphic design; or to assist in applying for grants to benefit the school and parish. Contact: **Deacon Tom Hosty** at thosty@stbindy.org

School or Church Technology

This ministry will assist with technology projects as needed with the church or school. Contact: **Clint Meinerding** at cmeinerding@stbindy.org

Count Sunday Collection

No accounting skills needed. Join a team that is scheduled to count the money collected at Weekend Masses one Monday morning a month. Approximately a 3-hour commitment per month. Contact: **Ja-Deen Johnson** at jjohnson@stbindy.org

◆ PRAYER ◆

Worship Committee

Serve on a team which meets once a month to help direct and foster the liturgy and worship practices that take place at St. Barnabas parish. Contact: **Joe Sheehan** at jsheehan@stbindy.org

Art and Environment (church decorating)

Assist in decorating our worship space for each liturgical season, in particular the Advent/Christmas season. Contact: **Diane Mohr** at mohrdianne@hotmail.com

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Serve as Communion Minister at weekend and Holy Day Masses. Contact: **Jeff Biltz** at jefbiltz1@yahoo.com

Lector Ministry

Persons participating in the Lector Ministry are called to reveal God's presence in the liturgy of the living Word for our parish community. Contact: **David Heinekamp** at ddh82@att.net

Mass Coordinator

Support the Holy Mass and the Priest by ensuring all other ministries are present and assist in setting up for the Mass. Contact: **Brian O'Toole** at botoole78@gmail.com

Sacristan – Altar Linens

Volunteers launder the purificators (and iron), the towels, washcloths and drying towels used at all the Masses. Contact: **Karen O'Toole** at ksotoole@sbcglobal.net

Altar Server

Any baptized parish youth who have received First Holy Communion and are in at least third grade can serve at the altar at weekend and Holy Day Masses. Contact: **Deacon Tom Hosty** at thosty@stbindy.org

Sewing of Baptismal Garments

Volunteer to make the baptismal bibs that our children wear for their baptism. Volunteers cut fabric and then stitch and sew them. Simple sewing skills are needed, and everything can be done at your home and on your time. Contact: **Loretta Goddard** at mrsdoddard1@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration

Volunteers commit to a weekly one hour of prayer and devotion in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Contact: **Joe Sheehan** at jsheehan@stbindy.org

Cantor

Using your singing talent, you can serve as music cantor at weekend Masses. Contact: **Brad Lieto** at blieto@stbindy.org



Choir

Join either our youth or adult choir and use your vocal talents to lead worship during Mass. Contact: **Brad Lieto** at blieto@stbindy.org

Instrumentalist, Organist & Pianist

Instrumentalists, Organists and Pianists serve by using their hands to create music, thereby offering praise and thanksgiving to God with the parish community. Contact: **Brad Lieto** at blieto@stbindy.org

Hand Bell Choir

The Hand Bell Choir is made up of adults and high schoolers, who practice weekly and play once a month at Mass with music that imitates church bells. Contact: **Brad Lieto** at blieto@stbindy.org

◆ FORMATION ◆

Faith Formation Commission

Serve on a team which meets once a month to help direct and foster the formation programs which take place at St. Barnabas parish. Contact: **Joe Sheehan** at jsheehan@stbindy.org

School Commission

Serve on a team that meets once a month during the school year and serves as an advisory body to the principal of the school. Contact: **Ryan Schnarr** at rschnarr@stbindy.org

RCIA Team/Speaker

Present a session on a truth of the Catholic faith or serve as support to individuals walking through the RCIA journey preparing for their initiation at the Easter Vigil. Contact: **Joe Sheehan** at jsheehan@stbindy.org

Marriage Prep and Sponsor Couples

Assist in the sacramental prep for engaged couples. Contact: **Theresa Warner** at twarner@stbindy.org

Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS)

A ministry which fosters personal and spiritual growth to mothers of all ages. The MOMS core team presents eight weekly sessions for mothers/grandmothers who desire to grow spiritually and personally in their ministry of motherhood. Contact: **Joe Sheehan** at jsheehan@stbindy.org

Bible Study

Various studies on Catholicism are held throughout the year at St. Barnabas. This ministry is for those wishing to participate in a study and continue their own formation or lead a study for their fellow parishioners. Contact: **Joe Sheehan** at jsheehan@stbindy.org

Women's and Men's Annual Retreats

Once a year an overnight retreat is held off-site, once for men and once for women. This ministry is for those interested in participating or serving on the core team to coordinate the retreat. Contact: **Joe Sheehan** at jsheehan@stbindy.org

Women's and Men's Welcome Retreat

"Welcome" is an overnight weekend experience for parishioners given by a team who has previously attended a "Welcome" weekend. Through fellowship, faith sharing, hospitality, Mass and more, participants have the opportunity to step back from the everyday to reflect on their lives and their spiritual journeys. Contact: **Joe Sheehan** at jsheehan@stbindy.org

Small Church Communities

A Small Church Community (SCC) is a small group of adults who regularly gather to reflect on their lives in light of the Gospel and to share their Christian faith through prayer, friendship, and service. Contact: **Peggy Racke** at peggyracke@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School Volunteer

This is a summer catechetical program that is offered annually in June. Contact: **Joe Sheehan** at jsheehan@stbindy.org

Sunday Faith Formation Catechist/Teacher

Children ages four to 8th grade meet on thirty Sundays throughout the year to continue their own formation in the faith. Individuals who are interested in passing onto the students what they themselves have learned are needed to make this program successful. Contact: **Joe Sheehan** at jsheehan@stbindy.org

Youth Ministry Volunteer

Serve on the Core Team or otherwise assist the parish Youth and Young Adult Minister in planning and carrying out activities for parish youth to help them on their walk with Christ. Contact: **Brendan Slovacek** at bslovacek@stbindy.org

Religious Liberty Action Committee

This committee keeps parishioners informed about threats to religious liberty and Christian family values. Contact: **Dave Webb** at dgwebb4849@att.net

Vocations Awareness

Help organize prayer support and visibility for vocations to encourage our youth to consider the priesthood or religious life. Contact: **Ceil Woodard** at simon13@sbcglobal.net

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) work

Share in the work of CRS in our parish through prayer, participation in a yearly Rice Bowl campaign, and participation in the advocacy of CRS programs. Contact: **Mary Lievertz** at ztreveilm@gmail.com

CYO Coaching

Adult volunteers help shape our young people in mind, body, and spirit through coaching the sports sponsored by our parish. Contact the athletic director at athletics@stbindy.org

School Library Volunteer

Assist school administrators in checking out and returning library books for school children. Contact: **Laura Bridgewater** at lbridgewater@stbindy.org

◆ SERVICE ◆

Faith in Action/Outreach

Volunteer to serve on the Outreach Ministry, which receives a small portion of the Sunday collection, and then on behalf of the parish, acts as good stewards to share the parish treasure to support ministries outside our parish that align with the social teaching of the Catholic Church. The ministry team also provides opportunities for our parishioners to share their time and talent. Contact: **Connie Merkel** at connie_merkel@yahoo.com

Communion for Homebound and Hospitalized

Volunteer to take Holy Communion to Catholics within our parish boundaries in their homes, nursing homes, or hospital, usually on a weekly basis. Contact: **Patty Cain** at pcain@stbindy.org or **Deacon Jerry Matthews** at jmatthews@stbindy.org

Bereavement Support/Grief Share

Whether you just lost a loved one or lost one some time ago, this group comes together to find support during their time of loss. Contact: **Patty Cain** at pcain@stbindy.org

Prison Ministry/Kairos

Volunteers join a Christian ecumenical team to carry the Good News of Christ into the prison. Other volunteers support from the outside by signing up for prayer chains, while children can design placemats to be used during meals on the retreat in the prison. Contact: **Mary Lievertz** at ztreveilm@gmail.com for the women's ministry and **Deacon Tom Hosty** at thosty@stbindy.org for the men's ministry.

Little Helping Hands

Little Helping Hands is a service ministry for elementary aged kids in our parish. Contact: **Diana Buxton** at buxton.diana@gmail.com



Homework/Tutor Ministry for ELL Students

Volunteer to work weekly after school during the school year with school children and tutor them on their homework, especially with our ELL students. Contact: **Paul Hnin** at phnin@stbindy.org

HOOP

HOOP (Helping Our Own People) is a ministry serving those experiencing homelessness and living on the streets of Indianapolis. St. Barnabas parishioners prepare soup, sandwiches, and other items on the fourth Sunday of each month to be dispersed at the homeless camps. Contact: **Don and Karen Beckwith** at djkabeckwith@att.net

Kitchen Crusaders Ministry

Kitchen Crusaders Ministry delivers meals to those in need due to an illness, loss of job, birth of a baby and/or elderly persons who need meal supplements, as well as, providing donations to parish events like the Welcome Weekends and Parish Picnic. Contact: **Elizabeth Szentes** at elizabeth.szentes@gmail.com

Cathedral Soup Kitchen

Volunteers prepare and serve a mid-day meal to approximately 150 people each day, seven days a week, though volunteers need only help when they can. Contact: **Rick Schrader** at richard1956_2002@yahoo.com

Mission Trip (Tijuana)

An annual week-long mission trip immersed in the culture and life of the parish in Tijuana Mexico assisting the Missionaries of the Cross in their mission of teaching the poorest of the poor by helping in maintenance of their parish and school. Contact: **Deacon Jerry Matthews** at jmatthews@stbindy.org

Mission Trip (New Mexico, Arizona, and Ecuador)

For almost 18 years, the St. Barnabas mission team has made an annual, week-long mission trip to address the physical and financial needs of Navajo Native Americans in New Mexico and Arizona. Some years, a mission trip to Duran, Ecuador is also undertaken. Contact: **Bob Hoereth** at drhoereth@sbcglobal.net

St. Anthony/Holy Trinity Food Pantry

The pantry is a ministry that works as the hands and feet of Christ to share his love with those in need through the gift of food. Join a team of parishioners each Friday afternoon at the pantry located at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Contact: **Connie Merkel** at connie_merkel@yahoo.com

Christmas Store/Giving Tree

Help organize or simply donate new gifts at Christmas time for families in need. Contact: **Sharon Williams** at smwilliamsindy@yahoo.com



Food Pantry Garden

The garden was started in 2019 in partnership with Friedens Church and is located across from that church. All of the produce goes to St. Anthony/Holy Trinity Food Pantry. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact: **Connie Merkel** at connie_merkel@yahoo.com

St. Vincent DePaul

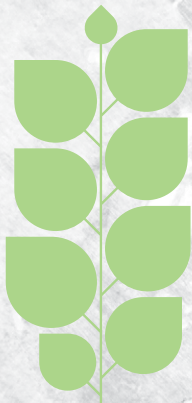
St. Vincent DePaul is made up of many helping hands serving our neighbors and has done so for over 75 years in central and southern Indiana following the example of Frederick Ozanam, the founder. Contact: **Vicki Goss** at vlgmimi@aol.com

School SCRIPS Volunteer

Assist in managing and selling SCRIPS for the benefit of our parish school. Contact: **Jenn Christie** at jennC327@gmail.com or **Kelly Elsener** at ckelsener@gmail.com

Gabriel Project/Respect Life

The Gabriel Project is a Christian based ministry dedicated to ministering to women and families facing unexpected or crisis pregnancies. Contact: **Linda Kile** at linda@goangels.org



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