

# Our Parish Ministries *at a glance*

## **Our Parish Bereavement Ministry**



The mission of the Bereavement Ministry is to provide comfort and solace to those who have lost a loved one. Bereavement members assist grieving families with the preparation of their loved one's funeral liturgy, helping them select the readings and hymns for the Funeral Mass which are taken from a handbook from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Bereavement members are also present for the families on the day of the Funeral Mass.

The Bereavement Ministry also helps to coordinate the Mass of Remembrance of the Deceased of St. Margaret Mary, held each year on the Sunday closest to the Feast of All Souls, when families of those who died during the past year are invited to come forward and light a candle in honor of their loved one as their names are read from the pulpit.

Members of the Bereavement Ministry feel it is an honor and a blessing to be there for our parish families in their time of grief. It is with a compassionate heart that they perform one of the works of Mercy.

*If you are interested in learning more about this special ministry and how you can participate, please contact Linda Lech at 729-5420.*

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## **Our Parish Marriage Ministry**



The mission of the Marriage Ministry is to assist the priest with preparing our engaged couples for marriage, with the intention of encouraging fruitful and lasting marriages. The engaged couple will meet with a married couple from the parish who has been trained to administer an inventory for marriage preparation called the FOCCUS. After this is complete, the engaged couple and married couple meet again for discussion on the topics from the FOCCUS.

St. Margaret Mary's Marriage Ministry also sponsors an annual recognition of all couples in the parish who are celebrating milestone anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60 and 65 years. The couples are given special recognition at a Sunday Mass, followed by a reception for the couples and their guests in Madonna Hall.

*If you have questions or an interest to get involved with this ministry, you can contact Rita Wietmarschen, 931-8415, or Linda Lech, 729-5420.*