



St. Margaret Mary Church  
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# Our Parish Ministries *at a glance*

## Our Parish Leadership Ministries

### Parish Pastoral Council

The mission of a Catholic parish is to be a community of persons united in the Lord as God's people ministering to one another, as well as to those around them. **The task of serving the parish community is the work of the entire parish under the leadership of the pastor.** Together with his parish staff and the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Commissions and Committees the pastor works in a spirit of unity to provide the ministries and programs that serve both the mission of the parish, the missions of the archdiocesan church, and the universal church.

All the faithful of the parish are called to share in the mission which God has entrusted to them. The Parish Pastoral Council is a group which assists the pastor in the overall planning and decision-making for the parish representing the wider parish community and which is entrusted with the task of advising the pastor on important matters of pastoral activity. In its most effective form, the Parish Pastoral Council is the vehicle by which the pastor and his pastoral staff consider and test their own ideas and proposals with a group that represents the entire parish community. It is the official listening post for the local parish community – the pastor listening to his people and the people listening to their pastor.

### Finance Commission

It is the Finance Commission's responsibility to be aware of the financial condition of the parish and to keep the pastor, the Parish Pastoral Council and the parish advised. This includes reviewing and preparing annual budgets, providing an annual report to the parish, accounting of weekly collections and conducting annual stewardship appeals. The Commission is comprised of the pastor, business manager and 2-4 parishioners who are recommended and appointed by the pastor.

### Worship Commission

Worship Commission oversees planning and review of the liturgical needs of the parish under the direction of the pastor with the goal of improving and maintaining the quality of parish liturgical celebrations. Areas of special interest include feast days, holy days, Lent, Advent, Rites of the Sacraments, and special celebrations. Worship Commission provides the recruitment, training and commissioning of parishioners for the liturgical ministries of Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Distributors of Communion.

### Communications Commission

The Communications Commission oversees the communication, marketing and public relations needs of the parish. A main objective for the Commission is to provide and facilitate accurate and timely communication to, from and between parishioners, the community and the pastor. Communications Commission is responsible for producing the parish quarterly newsletter as well as providing a Recording Secretary for all Parish Pastoral Council meetings and publishing the minutes of the monthly meetings in the bulletin.

### Building & Grounds

Building and Grounds is responsible for overseeing and maintaining the parish grounds and facilities. Projects are initiated on an as-needed basis or at the request of the pastor or Parish Pastoral Council. The Commission periodically organizes parishioners to assist with larger projects when possible.

### Vocation Committee

The Vocation Committee promotes vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life through awareness and committed prayer. Parishioners are given the opportunity to pray for vocations in two principal ways, by hosting the traveling Vocation Cup and by choosing a day of the month on which to pray or sacrifice for vocations.

*If you are interested in learning more about the many leadership roles in the parish or would like to know how to get involved, please contact the Parish Office, 521-7387 and you will be put in touch with the appropriate contact person.*



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# Our Parish Ministries *at a glance*

## Ministries at a *Last Glance*!!

We hope you enjoyed learning about all the varied groups, committees, commissions, and ministries of the parish through the *Ministries at a Glance* series over the last eight weeks. If you missed any of the inserts, they can be found on the parish website at [stmargaretmaryparish.org/ministries](http://stmargaretmaryparish.org/ministries).

**Week 1:** Liturgical Ministries, Part 1

**Week 2:** Programs for Children, Youth Faith Formation at St. MM; and Adult Faith Formation at St. MM

**Week 3:** Liturgical Ministries, Part 2; and Support Ministries

**Week 4:** Fundraising; and St. MM Service Organization

**Week 5:** Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St.MM; and Our Parish Music Ministries

**Week 6:** Our Parish Prayer Ministries; and Ministries of, by, and for the Men of the Parish

**Week 7:** Our Parish Bereavement Ministry; and Our Parish Marriage Ministry

**Week 8:** Our Parish Leadership Ministries

Were you inspired? They all need help and will welcome you.

Thanks for taking the time to learn more about all that St. Margaret Mary has to offer. We hope you will JOIN US in service to each other and to the community around us!!!