

# *Discipleship* through *Stewardship*

2018 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL MINISTRY CATALOG



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CATHOLIC CHURCH | SEWARD, NEBRASKA

# 2018 Parish Ministries

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## **ACCOMPANISTS AND MUSICIANS**

Accompanists and Musicians accompany vocalists on organ, piano, guitar, or other instruments during Mass or other special liturgies.

*Contacts: Beth Perry, 402-641-3725,  
kp45712@windstream.net*

## **ACOLYTES**

The Acolyte Ministry assists the priest by distributing Communion and preparing for all Liturgical celebrations.

*Contacts: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421,  
gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net;  
Msgr. Robert Tucker, 402-643-3421,  
msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net*

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

Altar Servers offers boys 10 and older the chance to get closer to the Lord by assisting the priest at our liturgical celebrations. Boys who have received First Holy Communion can participate in this ministry.

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gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net;  
Msgr. Robert Tucker, 402-643-3421,  
msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net*

## **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

To help parents and families of children understand the meaning and impact of baptism in the Christian life by giving parents a greater awareness of their duties as spiritual guardians of their children. For those seeking to have a child baptized, if it is their first child, will need to make an appointment for an instruction class.

*Contact: Msgr. Tucker, 402-643-3421,  
msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net*

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Participants discover the beauty of Scripture and grow into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and others.

*Contacts: Mike McCullar, 785-448-5423,  
mccullarclan4@gmail.com;  
Mike Volnek, 402-646-2010, mvolnek@yahoo.com*

## **CANTORS**

Cantors are the leaders of sung prayer for the assembly at worship. Through their leadership, they foster a greater sense of full, conscious and active participation.

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kp45712@windstream.net*



## **CCD CATECHISTS (GRADES 1-8)**

CCD classes are open to all parish students in Grades 1-8. Classes meet each Wednesday evening, during the school year, from 7-8:15 p.m. Students in Grade 2 are instructed to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Students in Grade 5 are instructed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Catechists follow a diocesan-approved curriculum in planning and teaching the Catholic Faith.

Contact: *Carmen Brown, 402-643-3521, carmenbrowndre@gmail.com*

## **CONFIRMATION RECEPTION**

A reception in the social hall will be held for the Bishop, clergy, confirmands and their families following the Confirmation liturgy. The chairwomen will ask the designated circle or circles for a designated amount of money so cookies, cake or cupcakes can be ordered. Four or five ladies will be needed to set up, serve, and clean up.

Contacts: *PCCW President, Linda Wentink, 402-641-5997, lindawentink@gmail.com; Sandy Shaw, 402-643-0681, sandy\_shaw66@hotmail.com*

## **CONNECTEDNESS COMMITTEE**

The Connectedness Committee will welcome all parishioners so that they will feel like they are part of a family. Also, ensures plans are in place to capitalize on the talents of current and new parishioners and that conversations take place to invite parishioners to appropriate committees and activities.

Contact: *Tina Schaben, 402-641-8093, pjschaben@windstream.net*

## **DECORATING COMMITTEE**

The decorating committee helps to plan the environment in the church for the major holidays and seasons throughout the year, meeting on an as-needed basis.

Contacts: *Paula and Gary Peterson, 402-641-5851, rheavenonearth@gmail.com*

## **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER**

Engaged Encounter weekends are available to any engaged couple who would like a weekend

of sharing and dialogue with one another to enhance their marriage preparation in the Lord. Couple interested in making a weekend or those who would like to help with the Engaged Encounter Program are invited to go to [www.lincolndiocese.org/ministries](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/ministries).

Contact: *Msgr. Tucker, 402-643-3421, msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net*

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND NURSING HOMES**

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound and Nursing Homes serve our parish by bringing communion to those who can no longer attend Mass because of sickness or old age. As members of the early Church carried the Eucharist to each other, these ministers continue the tradition of physically transporting the Body of Christ to members of our faith community.

Contacts: *Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421, gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net*

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a form of prayer that brings us into the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lord offers us special graces as we spend quiet time with him.

Contact: *Tania Breiner, 402-643-5401, rolfsmeyert@gmail.com*

## **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

This ministry will help with the upkeep of the church building as well as planning for future projects.

Contact: *Lyle Hamling, 402-450-2378, hiddenacre@windstream.net*



## **FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Finance and Development Committee of the parish is responsible for discerning a direction for the future, and for planning the process of laying the foundation necessary for carrying out our mission.

*Contacts: Bruce Faimon, 402-643-6480,*

*bdfaimon@windstream.net;*

*Peter Ruhl, 402-430-5232, peter.ruhl@cune.org*

## **FUNERAL DINNER**

As a service to the family who is grieving, our parish provides a dinner immediately following the funeral service. Often these luncheons can be quite large, so many volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal.

*Contact: Judy Vandenberg, 402-643-4117,*

*jvtlims@hotmail.com*

## **GODPARENT PROGRAM (HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED.)**

The Godparent Program is the religious education program for teens in Grades 9-12. It emphasizes spiritual growth and the development of a community within the Catholic faith. A diocesan-approved curriculum is used, which includes prayer, scripture and Catholic Doctrine. The format allows for discussion of topics and events pertinent to the lives of teenagers. The weekly sessions are in the Godparent homes on Wednesdays from 7-8:15 p.m. Each Freshman class is split into two to three GP Groups, with each having its own Godparent couple. Teens remain in their assigned "GP Group" for all four years of high school. The "Godparents" are married couples who volunteer and are willing to share their



faith, be good witnesses to the Sacrament of Marriage, and open their homes to their GP Group. The GP Groups participate in service projects, fundraisers, special prayer services, and annual weekend retreats.

*Contact: Carmen Brown, 402-643-3521,*

*carmenbrowndre@gmail.com*

## **GREETERS**

Greeters assist before, during and after Masses, escorting church members and guests to pews, collecting the offertory and distributing bulletins.

*Contact: Gloria Schneider, 402-643-3421,*

*gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net*

## **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

A Marriage Encounter weekend is available to any couple who would like to enhance their relationship with communication on the positive aspects of their love and understanding of the other's feelings. The weekend is an opportunity for the husband and wife to learn to share their thoughts and to reawaken the beauty of their love of God and their love for each other upon which they built their marriage in the beginning. Presenting couples of the Marriage Encounter team help one to reflect and learn through sharing their own experiences. Couples then communicate with each other in private. Couples interested in making a weekend may contact the Diocesan Family Life Office.

*Contacts: Diocesan Family Life Office, 402-488-2040,*

*www.lincoln.diocese.org/ministries;*

*Rev. Mark S. Pfeiffer, 402-266-5581,*

*fr.mark-pfeiffer@cdolinc.net*

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Marriage Preparation is available for parishioners who wish to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. A couple should contact the priest six to 12 months prior to a proposed wedding date.

*Contact: Msgr. Tucker, 402-643-3421,*

*msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net*

## **MOM'S GROUP**

The Mom's Group is open to moms of any age, regardless of their child's age or grade

level. The group meets every Wednesday morning at the Seward Public Library to cover a book, study or series to help moms grow in their faith life. The group gives moms a chance to get together to discuss books in a kid-friendly setting.

*Contacts: Erica Ostgren, 308-530-8893,*

*e.ostgren@gmail.com;*

*Nicki Wintz, 402-238-7542, nickiwintz@yahoo.com*

## **MOWERS**

We have a huge lawn here at St. Vincent de Paul. We need volunteers to help mow the lawn and keep it looking nice.

*Contacts: Ken Meyer, 402-643-2844,*

*kmeyer1@neb.rr.com;*

*Ted Payne, 402-643-4987, pat\_payne@hotmail.com*

## **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

The Diocesan Natural Family Planning Centers offer instruction in the (Creighton Model) ovulation method of Natural Family Planning, which is the mucus method, not the rhythm method, so cycles need not be regular to use to achieve or avoid a pregnancy. Assistance is also offered to Sympto-Thermal users of natural family planning. Contact the Lincoln NFP Education Center, located at 3325 Sheridan Blvd. in Lincoln to register for instruction.

*Contact: Lincoln NFP Education Center, 402-488-2040*

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council serves as an advisory body to the Pastor. This council meets five times each year unless otherwise noted.

*Contact: Msgr. Tucker, 402-643-3421,*

*msgr.robert-tucker@cdolinc.net*

## **PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW)/ ALTAR SOCIETY**

The Parish Council of Catholic Women under the direction of our priest, performs the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in the service of God and His Church. The members are committed to the care and beautification of the sanctuary and the church. The ministry also bake and sell pies at the Seward County Fair each year and the proceeds are given for altar needs. The

PCCW ladies of the parish also serve for various receptions held at the church.

*Contacts: Sandy Shaw, 402-643-0681,*

*sandy\_shaw66@hotmail.com;*

*Linda Wentink, 402-641-5997,*

*lindawentink@gmail.com*

## **PARISH LIBRARY**

The Parish Library is located in Room #34 just past the Office of Religious Ed (CCD). Books, DVDs, videos and audio tapes are available to all parishioners for reference and home reading, at pre-school through adult level. The library space is shared with the school library.

*Contact: Frances Gill, 402-643-3521*

## **PRO-LIFE**

Yearly events that we participate in nationally include "The Sanctity of Human Life Sunday" in January and "The Life Chain" in October. Activities on the local agenda include; Birthright, a baby articles collection and a Mother's Day advertisement in the local newspaper in May.

*Contacts: Erica Ostgren, 308-530-8893,*

*e.ostgren@gmail.com;*

*Nicki Wintz, 402-659-3528, nickiwintz@yahoo.com*

## **PTO OFFICERS**

The PTO Officers provide our school children and teachers with special activities throughout the school year.

*Contact: Aaron Busse, 402-416-2727,*

*aaronhd04@aol.com*

## **RCIA**

The RCIA is the official process of the whole Catholic Church for welcoming new members and for offering information about the Catholic Church to inquirers. It aims at helping people grow in knowledge, faith and prayer so that they can make a mature and free response to God's call. This nine-month process of instruction and information about the Catholic Church is intended for those who have never been baptized, baptized in another faith or for those who wish to return to the practice of the faith.

*Contact: Msgr. Tucker, 402-643-3421,*

*msgrtucker@gmail.com;*

## READERS AND LECTORS

Readers and Lectors proclaim the Word of God at our Masses and special occasion liturgical celebrations.

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## ROSARY LEADERS

The Rosary is prayed publicly before each of the Sunday Masses. Leaders are scheduled on an as-needed basis.

*Contact: Judy Vandenberg, 402-643-4117, jvtlims@hotmail.com*

## SACRISTANS

This ministry is open to adult confirmed Catholics. The sacristan prepares the physical objects needed for the celebration of Mass. This detailed ministry is necessary for the smooth flow of the liturgical celebration.

*Contact: Barbara Lund, 402-643-2102, barblund@windstream.net*

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC PRESCHOOL

Our parish preschool offers sessions for children ages 3-4 (Tuesday/Thursday) and 4-5 (Monday/Wednesday/Friday). Preschool activities integrate our faith along with learning preschool skills. Registration begins in the spring. For more information call the school office.

*Contact: School Office, 402-643-9525*

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School began in the fall of 2001. The school now provides education for children in Kindergarten through fourth grade. The staff is dedicated to providing spiritual growth and academic excellence to their students. For more information call the school office.

*Contact: School Office, 402-643-9525*

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PRAYER CIRCLE

The St. Vincent de Paul Prayer Circle is a volunteer group which ministers to our parish and parishioners by praying for personal prayer requests as well as the needs of our church and community. If you wish to be a part of the prayer circle or if you have a prayer request and would like the circles to pray, please contact one of the following circles leaders.

*Contacts: Frances Gill, 402-643-2765; Gloria Schneider, 402-761-2816, gloria-schneider@cdolinc.net; Betty Smith, 402-643-3242*

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A group of parents and parishioners who recognize the importance of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School (K-4) as a Catholic educational ministry for our youth, and advise the pastor and the principal on how to sustain and advance this ministry to meet the needs of our community.

*Contacts: Andrea Baack, 402-643-9531, baack2@hotmail.com; Chris Griesen, 402-646-2264, cigreisen@yahoo.com*



### **SPIRIT COMMITTEE**

Once a year, the parish gathers together for a major fundraiser, Spirit Dinner and Auction. The proceeds raised are for the everyday operating expenses that the church incurs throughout the year.

Contact: *Judy Vandenberg, 402-643-4117, jvtlims@hotmail.com*

### **SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE**

The Spiritual Committee helps the staff to develop, plan and implement various programs, workshops and days of reflection to enhance growth and development in adult spirituality.

Contact: *Judy Vandenberg, 402-643-4117, jvtlims@hotmail.com*

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

The primary responsibility of the stewardship committee is to foster and sustain the stewardship lifestyle among parishioners. The committee will work to ensure stewardship is not just a one-time activity, but continues as an ongoing part of parish life. They will strive to keep the stewardship message alive in the parish throughout the year.

Contact: *Ben Santo, 402-883-7464, bnsanto@yahoo.com*

### **SUMMER SCHOOL SNACKS (TOTUS TUUS)**

A mid-morning snack is provided each day for the staff and students during the week of Vacation Bible School. VBS week is held in June. Circles are assigned a day to provide snacks. (The coordinating staff will be responsible for serving the snacks.)

Contact: *Carmen Brown, 402-643-3521 (voicemail 106)*

### **THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

In 1983, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 8469 was organized at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Currently, there are approximately 217 members. The Knights of Columbus is composed of Catholic men 18 years of age and over who have fulfilled their first of four-degree requirements. The Knights stand for Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and

Patriotism. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Contact: *Grand Knight Jason Clark, 402-650-0771, daddyclark75@gmail.com*

### **WAKE – ROSARY HOSPITALITY**

Families wishing refreshments served following a wake – a Rosary service held at the church the evening before a funeral, may contact the chairwoman of this committee. Coffee will be provided by the PCCW. All food and other refreshments will either be provided or paid for by the family. The Wake-Rosary Hospitality Committee will be in charge of serving, setting up and cleaning up. The family would need to check availability of the social hall from the parish office.

Contact: *Judy Vandenberg, 402-643-4117, jvtlims@hotmail.com*

### **WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

Committee members visit new parishioners and welcome them to our parish community.

Contact: *Sharon Jelinek, 402-643-4325, gsjelinek1943@gmail.com*





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