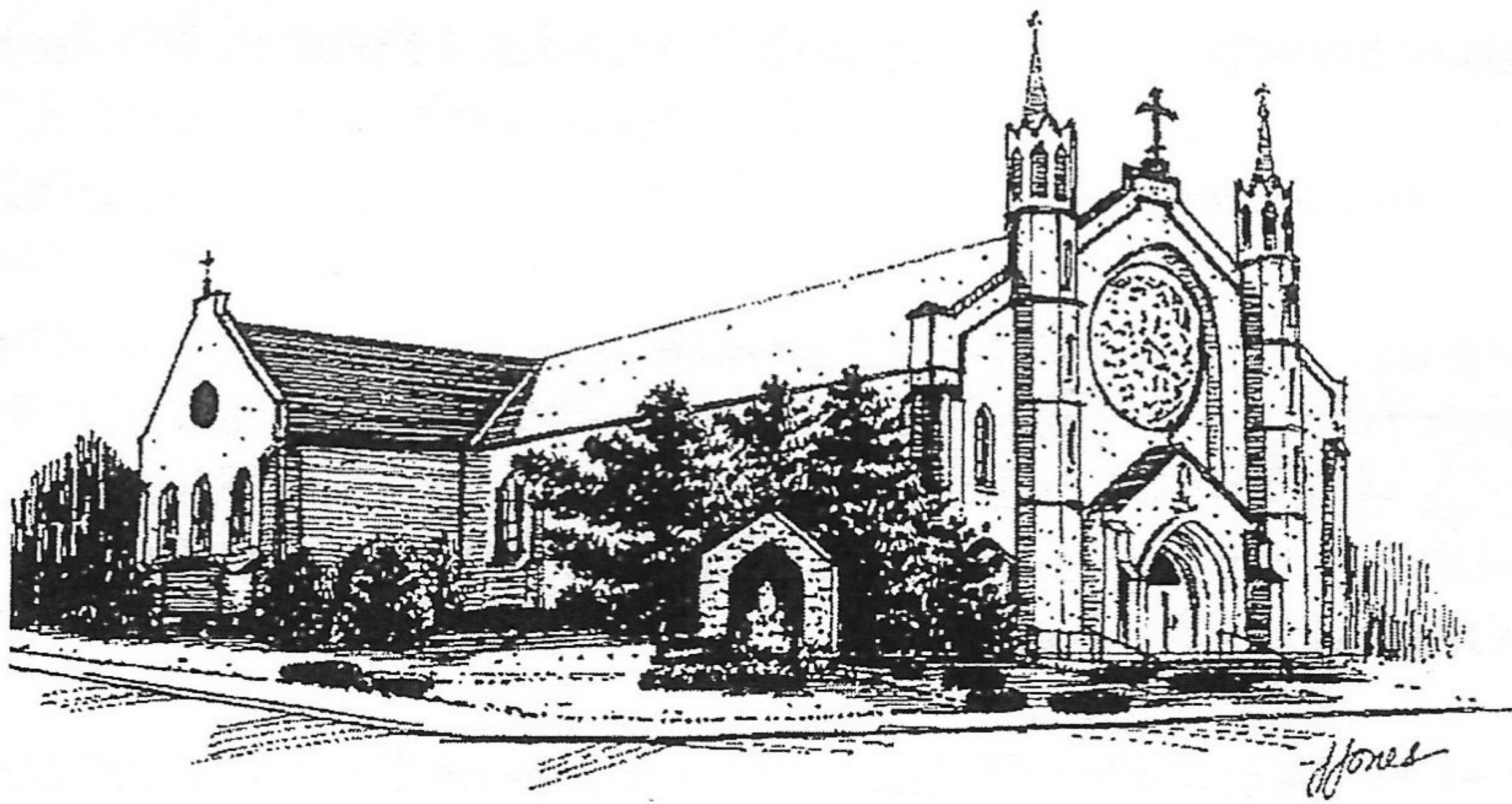


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*Mission Statement*

We are a diverse community striving to foster spiritual growth and Catholic identity through liturgy, sacraments, service, education and our shared faith in God.

We are committed to being an instrument of love, healing and hope by ministering to the needs of our parishioners and the larger community, while celebrating the Christ present in each of us.

## *Ministries and Organizations*

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### *Liturgical Ministries*

**Adult Altar Servers** assist the priest and deacon at Sunday Masses, funeral Masses, Monday evening Mass, Adoration/Benediction, and the occasional special liturgies. **Contact Sr. Nadine**

**Youth Altar Servers** are parish youth in Grades 4 through 12 who assist at Sunday Mass, weddings, and special liturgies. Training is provided. **Contact Dan Mahoney**

**Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** are mandated by the Bishop to distribute Holy Communion on the weekend, weekdays, and on Holy Days. Some ministers also take communion to those who are homebound, in hospitals or in nursing homes. Training provided. **Contact Deacon Wayne Otlowski or Sr. Nadine**

**Liturgy of the Word with Children** takes place on Sunday from September to June during the 9:00AM Mass in the Children's Liturgy Room. Children ages 4-8 are invited to attend. Needed: adult catechist and/or youth helpers. **Contact Mary Rodger**

**Readers** adults & youth (grades 5 and up) who proclaim the scripture readings at Sunday, daily and Holy Day Masses. Training is provided. An adult and youth lector is assigned to each Mass. **Contact Sr. Nadine or Deacon Greg**

**Ushers and Greeters** are men, women and young parishioners whose goal is to extend the welcoming hospitality of our parish family and assist at Mass as needed. **Contact Sr. Nadine**

## *Music Ministry*

**Contact Dan Mahoney for all music ministry**

**Adult Choir**—high school age and older. The choir sings on Sundays at either the 9:00 AM or 11:30 AM Mass, in addition to Holy Days. Ability to read music is not necessary. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 8:00-9:30 PM September through June.

**Children's Choir** students in grades 1 & 2. The choir sings the first Sunday of each month at the 9:00 AM Mass. Rehearsals are Tuesday afternoons from 4:30-5:00 PM, as scheduled. September through Easter

**Middle Choir** students in grades 3-8. The choir sings on the second Sunday of the month at the 9:00 AM Mass. Rehearsals are Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:15 PM in church, as scheduled. September through Easter.

**Middle School Hand Bell Choir** for students in grades 7 and 8. Rings once a month at the 11:30 Mass. Rehearsals Tuesday afternoons, 2 to 3:15 as scheduled.

**Cantors** participate in Sunday Mass and special Masses and Para-Liturgies throughout the year. Cantors are members of the Adult Choir.

**Folk Group** sings at the 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. Rehearses 1/2 hour before Mass.

## *Faith Formation Ministries*

**Adult Confirmation.** For adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sessions are once a week for approximately three months and focus on instruction and preparation for the sacrament. **Contact Sr. Kathleen**

**Baptism/Sponsorship** sessions held the first Tuesday of every month for parents/godparents/sponsors. Wanted: couples/adults to be part of the catechist team. Rotation basis. Training provided. **Contact Sr. Nadine**

**Bible Study**— Meets every Sunday, following the 9 AM Mass.  
**Contact: Joanne Garcia**

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is for:

- Adults who have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition, but would like to learn more about becoming Catholic.
- Have not been baptized in any religion.
- Have been baptized Catholic, but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation and still need to receive Eucharist and Confirmation.  
(For Confirmation ONLY, see above.)

RCIA members meet every Sunday, following the 9 AM Mass. The year-long sessions are spiritual, informational and formational in nature. Reception into the Church takes place at the Easter Vigil.

Catechists are also welcome to join the leadership team. Training is provided and with our team approach, it is not necessary to be at every weekly RCIA session. **Contact Sr. Kathleen**

**Religious Education Program** is a continuing program from 1st through 8th grade. A Kindergarten program is offered during the 10-day Summer Program. All families who wish to attend the Religious Education Program must be registered parishioners. Classes are held weekly from September to May. Also available is a two-week, ten-day Summer Session which includes thirty (30) hours of instruction. Vacation Bible School is offered during the summer. Volunteer catechists are always needed. For more information see the Religious Education website or **Contact the Religious Education Office**

## *Advisory Councils—Fr. John*

**Parish Finance Council** and **Parish Pastoral Council** act in an advisory capacity to the pastor. Through a personal and communal discernment process, appointment to either is a 3 year term.

## *Pastoral Care/Outreach Ministries*

**Card Ministry** sends notes of encouragement to parishioners who are sick or homebound and to Arista Care nursing home. **Contact Gerry Dalfanzo.**

**Funeral Planning** can include both the planning of a funeral Mass and/or the selection of a burial crypt, niche, or in ground plot. Many families find pre-planning a source of reassurance and comfort.

**Contact: Sr. Kathleen or Lynda Yelenovsky**

**God's Special People** on the second Saturday of the month those with special needs join friends & family for a noon Mass and luncheon. Volunteers assist. October through May. **Contact Angela Mercurio**

**Nursing Home Volunteers** assist the residents at the celebration of weekly Mass or prayer service. Every Monday at 10:00AM, Arista Care Nursing Home. **Contact Lorraine Beyer**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - provides a tangible expression of God's love and care. The shawls are given to those who are ill, recuperating, or grieving. Meets the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Tuesday from September to June or may knit/crochet from home. **Contact Joanne Otlowski**

**Social Concerns** is a ministry serving those who are poor, homeless, or in need due to unforeseen circumstances, with emergency distribution of food and/or funds for utilities or housing. **Contact: Social Concerns**

**Visits to the Sick and Homebound**— Eucharistic Ministers bring communion and pray with those who are prevented from regularly worshipping at Church. **Contact Sr. Kathleen or Deacon Wayne**

## ***Organizations and Groups***

**Altar Rosary Society** promotes devotion to Mary through the recitation of the rosary. Service activities include care of altar linens and vestments, May Crowning, and fund raising. Meetings are on the Monday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 7:30 PM. September—June. **Contact Tina Bemauer or Linda Gitto**

**Archives**— organizing, cataloguing, and ongoing maintenance of all parish archives. Monthly archival work. **Contact Sr. Kathleen or Sr. Nadine**

**Carmelites**— Discalced Carmelite Seculars make a commitment to the Discalced Carmelite Order to seek the face of God in all people for the sake of the Church and the world. Meets the 4th Saturday of the month.

**Contact Maria D'Amico**

**Filipino-American Association of Sacred Heart (FAASH)** Through religious and social activities, the group aims to impart knowledge of the Catholic faith, enhance spiritual development and promote camaraderie. All Filipino-American families of the parish are invited to join.

**Contact Gilbert Delacruz**

**Gardening Group** are parishioners who occasionally assist in beautifying the landscaping of the church and parish center. **Contact Jeanne Griesi**

**Gay and Lesbian Faith Sharing Group—*In God's Image***: Faith sharing, discussion and support for gay and lesbian persons and their families. Meets the second Wednesday of the month 7:30 PM in the Annex. Ages 21 + September through June. **Contact Fr. John or Sister Kathleen**

**Girl Scouts** open to parish girls from K—8th Grade. Activities include earning badges, community service, camping, craft projects, etc. Meetings: September through June. **Contact Debbie Metz**

**Handmaids of the Lord** is part of the Couples of Christ Ministry for women seeking personal renewal. A 13-week Christian Life Program occurs twice a year in the Spring and Fall every Saturday. **Contact Myrna Hessinger**

**Hospitality Committee** sets up refreshments for small socials following parish events. **Contact Joanne Otlowski**

**Information Technology** consists of those who are knowledgeable in computer technology. They maintain the parish network and data base systems. Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month.  
**Contact Paul Lorance**

**The Knights of Columbus Council 6203** is an organization of Catholic men centered on the principles of unity, charity and fraternity. Adult men of the parish are invited to become members. Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. **Contact Brian Cargill**. The **Columbiettes** are Catholic women who work side by side with the Knights. **Contact Kathy Tracy**. **Squires** are a Catholic male youth organization based on the Knights of Columbus. **Contact Brian Cargill**

**Prayer Group** this Charismatic group meets weekly to give praise, thanksgiving, honor and love to Jesus Christ. Thursday 7:30 Parish Center chapel. **Contact Bob Walker**

ALL MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS  
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS!  
Contact numbers are on the back page of this booklet.

If you would like to begin a new ministry or organization,  
Contact Fr. John or Sr. Kathleen.

We are in need of people to form a parish fund raising committee,  
a social events committee, and a youth group coordinator/team

