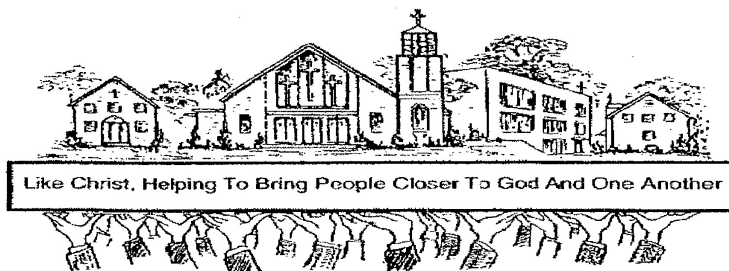


# *Our Parish Organizations & Ministries*

## **Stewardship**

Time Talent Treasure



### *Our Mission*

- ✠ Develop as one Catholic Community
- ✠ Foster stewardship as our way of life
- ✠ Enhance spirituality through the Eucharist
- ✠ Enrich all aspects of family life
- ✠ Share the love of Jesus Christ with all, especially our youth

### *Stewardship Prayer*

*Almighty Father, everything we are and everything we have comes from You. You are the Giver of Life and the Source of our freedom. It is from Your hand that we have received all that we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving Father, You call us to be the stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all your gifts to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely. Teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' Name, Amen.*

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## **Parish Administration**

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Pastoral Council members reflect on the spiritual and pastoral needs of the parish community and assist the Pastor with issues regarding pastoral life and the future growth of Our Lady of Calvary. The Council is made up of approximately 15 members who serve a term of 3 years.

### **Finance Committee**

Parish members review the financial matters of the parish and notify the Pastor of any decline in revenue and what the cause of the decline may be. They help to monitor the Fair Share contributions.

### **Offertory Counters**

Parishioners who count the Sunday collection and prepare it for deposit.

### **Stewardship Committee**

A committee formed to promote and develop stewardship within the parish. Stewardship is the sharing of time, talent and treasure for the love of God.

### **Tuition Assistance Committee**

A group of parishioners who monitor available funds to grant money to families who are struggling financially to pay school tuition.

## **Liturgical Ministries**

### **Adult Choir**

A group of parishioners, both men and women, who dedicate their time and talent to being leaders of song at the weekly 10:00 AM Mass. They also lend their voices at special liturgies and other occasions.

### **ALTAR ENVIRONMENT**

Volunteers who donate their time to cleaning the altar linens and the sanctuary. They also decorate and maintain the altar for holidays and special feast days.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

OLC Students, in grades 5 to 8, who assist at the Celebration of the Holy Mass. They are also assigned to other special liturgies and occasions.

### **CANTORS**

Lay men and women who help celebrate the liturgy with hymns and prayers set to music. They encourage people to sing during the Celebration of the Liturgy.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

An activity for children in Grades 3 to 8. They lend their young voices to the glory of God at the weekly Noon Mass, special liturgies and School Masses throughout the year.

## **EUCHARIST MINISTERS**

Lay men and women who assist with the distribution of the Eucharist at the Parish Masses. They also administer the Eucharist to the sick, homebound and those in the hospital.

## **Guitar Group**

A group of guitarists, instrumentalists and vocalists who enhance the Mass by highlighting the Word of God through music. This group leads the congregation in music the second Sunday of every month at the 6:00 PM Mass.

## **LECTORS**

Lay men, women and young adults who proclaim the Word of the Lord during the Sunday, daily and Holy Day celebrations.

## **ORGANISTS**

Parishioners who volunteer to play the organ for our Adult and Children Choirs, Sunday Masses, special liturgies and occasions.

## **USHERS**

A group of lay men and women who greet parishioners, assist with seating, collect the Sunday offering and assign a family for the presentation of the offertory gifts. Ushers also volunteer for special occasions.

## **Prayer And Parish Life**

### **ADORATION CHAPEL**

The Adoration Chapel is open weekdays from 7 AM to 7 PM; Saturday from 7 AM to 5 PM; Sunday from 1 PM to 6 PM except on special occasions. Many individuals commit to spend one pre-determined hour per week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament reflecting in prayer and meditation. They petition Our Lord for personal, parish, and universal needs.

### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

A peer group of parishioners who have suffered the loss of a loved one and are giving their time and talent to help others cope with their loss. The Bereavement Ministry offers sessions twice each year in the Spring for seven weeks after Easter and in the Fall for seven weeks from the end of September to the beginning of November prior to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

A group of parishioners who promote the Archdiocesan Catholic Charities Appeal. They assist in the collection, sort and remit the Parish gift to the Appeals Office. The mission of the Appeal goes hand-in-hand with the mission of the Roman Catholic Church to preserve and enhance the dignity of every human life.

### **P.R.E.P.**

A group of volunteers and teachers who offer the parents of students not attending the parish school an opportunity for their children to learn the

teachings of the Church and receive the sacraments. Classes are offered to children in Grades 1 through 12.

### **Just Men**

A group of men who meet every other week to discuss scripture and the catechism, and answer questions geared towards helping them to see God's presence in their lives. Along with these discussions is prayer.



### **LEGION OF MARY**

A worldwide organization of Catholic men and women who promote the sanctification of its members through prayer and spiritual work in union with Our Lady under the guidance of the clergy. They visit hospitals, shut-ins, and nursing homes. They bring the Pilgrim Virgin statue to parishioner's homes. A young adult program is also available.

### **MADONNA DEL ROSATO**

There is a statue of the Madonna of the Roses in the lower church at Our Lady of Calvary. Parishioners pray and ask the Madonna of the Roses to answer their petitions.

### **OLC Elementary School**

A Catholic education is available to every child at Our Lady of Calvary Parish. The school fulfills our responsibility of sharing our Catholic faith and its eternal values with our young.

### **PRAYER GROUP**

The Prayer Group is a charismatic gathering of people interested in praising God with an emphasis on the Holy Spirit. The group aims to heighten members' awareness of the Holy Spirit in their lives through the use of prayer, song, and praying in tongues.

### **PRE-CANA**

This parish team prepares engaged couples for their marriage. Sessions on communication, intimacy, adjustments, natural family planning and the theology of marriage are offered.

### **PRE-JORDAN**

Parents that are expecting a baby are required to attend Pre-Jordan Classes in order to have their baby baptized at Our Lady of Calvary Parish. Pre-Jordan Classes are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

### **PRO-LIFE**

This group is dedicated to promoting the culture of life from the moment of conception to natural death. Their mission is to respect all life and to stand up for the helpless.

### **RCIA**

RCIA presents the teachings of Jesus and the Catholic Church to those adults and children of catechetical age desiring Baptism. Through group learning, these adults and children journey to the Easter Vigil where they receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The RCIA team works as catechists, sponsors, and ministers of hospitality for participants.

### **SCRIPTURE STUDY**

This group meets weekly to read and discuss Scripture and follow Church approved study programs. The goal of the group is to gain a deeper insight in the Word of God.

### **Social Justice**

The mission of the Social Justice Ministry Team of Our Lady of Calvary is to coordinate efforts to advance social justice. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, through prayer and reflection, they educate and advocate works of justice and peace by shaping the policies, programs, and structures of our parish community and our society.

## **Youth Ministry**

### **BOY SCOUTS**

Troup 460 is open to boys 10 to 18 years of age. They experience the opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities, learn respect for the church and for themselves. They practice responsibility through leadership by helping the community in various projects.

### **CAMP CALVARY**

A three week Summer Religious Education Program open to boys and girls from Grades 1 through 5. Older students are given an opportunity to supervise a number of activities participated in by our younger students. Daily prayer, religion lessons, and weekly Mass are the heart of the Camp. The Camp also features games, activities, sports, and weekly trips. It is conducted Monday to Friday 9 AM to 12:15 PM.

### **C.A.R.E.S.**

This program is provided for those parents who request before or after school care for their children. For a reasonable fee, children are dropped off before school and/or remain after school until they are picked up by a parent any time before 6:00 PM. Under the supervision of our staff, the students have a snack, enjoy some playtime, and settle down to homework after school. This program operates on all school days, whether they are full or half days and this includes early dismissal snow days. At the end of the school year, Our Lady of Calvary has a Summer CARES Program which operates until the last two weeks of August.

### **CORA**

A program which provides formal guidance and counseling services at a trailer located on the school property and at the main office. CORA fosters a positive self-image in our students, as well as a positive acceptance of others. CORA helps students with learning differences and/or emotional adjustment problems which hinder their learning progress and self-growth. CORA also offers hourly sessions of Reading or Math remediation to small groups. The personnel at

CORA are available to assist our teachers with the guidance and direction to help them help our children.

### **CUB SCOUTS**

Pack 460 is open to boys from Grades 1 through 5. The Cub Scouts provide a fun program of activities and entertainment designed to teach the boys traditional values. They build their character and self-esteem and acquire a sense of achievement.

### **C.Y.O.**

Our Lady of Calvary has an excellent CYO organization which includes both grade and high school activities. Grade school activities include basketball, volleyball, football, and baseball. High school activities include sports, service, and social activities.

### **GIRL SCOUTS**

Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadet, and Senior Troops are for girls 5 through 17 years of age. This organization exists to develop the interests and abilities of girls as they grow into responsible Christian women, while having fun with various outside activities.

### **HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

This organization of parents helps to foster the relationship between parents and faculty. This group hosts many fundraising activities such as The Fall Festival, Family Bingo Nights, Santa's Workshop and Lunch with the Easter Bunny.

## **Pastoral Care And Services**

### **AID FOR FRIENDS**

This private, non-profit, interfaith volunteer organization provides home-cooked dinners, as well as visitation and outreach services to the isolated and homebound of our community. Aid for Friends serves approximately 2800 shut-ins daily in the five county areas.

### **HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM**

The members of the Health Ministry Team promote physical, emotional, and spiritual well being through a variety of health related services including parish education programs, health screenings and medical equipment.

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Volunteers help with the Blood Drive, which is held twice a year, at Our Lady of Calvary in May and October.

### **ST. VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY**

Volunteers take time out of their schedule to help the needy by collecting donated clothing and other household items.

## **Parish Clubs**

### **CALVARY SENIORS I & II**

Parish members ages 55 and older meet for companionship, friendship, and social activity. General meetings include prayer, current news, and general

information. Activities include bingo, cards, guest speakers, affordable trips, 50/50 drawings, holiday banquets, and monthly luncheons.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

This organization of Catholic men celebrates their faith through their founder Father McGivney. The organizations' goals are charity, vocations, and Catholic principles. Our Lady of Calvary is the home parish for the Regina Coeli Council #4921.

## **Other Parish Functions**

### **OLC SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

Our school has many opportunities for those who wish to contribute their time and talent to support the children and faculty of Our Lady of Calvary. Teachers Aides, Snack Money Counters, Stationery Store Assistants, School/Gym Uniform Sellers, Library Aides, and Office Workers are some of the many areas available for volunteer services.

### **SCRIP PROGRAM**

The SCRIP Program sells certificates to be used in qualifying stores for the purchase of food or other goods/services. This program offers parents of grade school and high school students an opportunity to support the parish while saving money for their children's tuition and other school fees.

