

St. Catherine of Siena Church
2011-2012 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

DIRECTIONS: *Please sign up for any current activities you wish to continue, as well as any new activities.*
★★ Especially Needed

TIME & TALENT
Sharing My Talents with Others

Stewardship invites us to use our talents for our parish in order to build up the kingdom of God on earth. If you volunteer for an activity, the program leader will contact you with further details.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRY

- _____ **Altar Server.** Serve at weekend Mass. All ages 7 through adult are welcome.
- _____ **Minister of Communion.** Distribute Communion at weekend or holy day Mass. Age 15 and up.
- _____ **Greeter/Usher.** Arrive 15 minutes prior to weekend Mass to welcome people at church entrances, help people find seats, take up offering, and other duties.
- _____ **Lector.** Proclaim the scriptures at weekend Mass. Age 14 and up.
- _____ **Thurifer.** Minister with incense at weekday funerals and major celebrations.
- _____ **Environment.** Help decorate the church for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- _____ **Laundry.** Wash altar server robes, as needed, once or twice a year.
- _____ **Plant Care.** Water plants in church weekly and/or during Christmas and Easter seasons.
- _____ **Substitute Church Cleaner.** Clean the church when the housekeeper is on vacation and/or needs occasional extra help.

MUSIC MINISTRY

- _____ **Adult, Youth Choirs.** All voices welcome. Musical training helpful, but not necessary.
- _____ **Cantor.** Adults and high school youth lead congregational singing at weekend Masses. Musical experience and leadership skills necessary. Training is provided. Auditions required.
- _____ **Keyboard.** Provide occasional accompaniment for choirs/cantors, or perform solos at Masses or special events.
- _____ **Instrumentalist.** Augment the piano and organ accompaniment at Mass or special events.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Elementary School Youth:

- _____ **Teach** a Youth Faith Formation class.
- _____ **Assist** or **substitute teach** Youth Faith Formation classes.
- _____ **Assist** with the Christmas Pageant.
- _____ **Facilitate** service projects for Grades 1-5 children.
- _____ **Help** parish staff plan/facilitate 1-2 annual family retreats.

Middle School Youth:

- _____ **Share** with the youth a practice or devotion which has strengthened your faith.
- _____ **Assist** or substitute for the Middle School Program.
- _____ **Assist** in service projects.
- _____ **Assist** with Shadow Stations of the Cross on a Lenten Friday.

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION *(continued)*

High School Youth:

_____ **Join our sister parish committee:** help plan/coordinate bi-annual trip to sister parish in the Dominican Republic as well as assist in fundraiser planning.

_____ **Share with the youth** a practice or devotion which has strengthened your faith.

_____ **Provide a tasty snack** or fund a pizza party for one of our youth group meetings.

Sacramental Preparation:

_____ **Serve as a co-teacher** for one of the sacramental classes. (6 Sessions. Materials will be provided.)

_____ **Help** in preparing class materials.

_____ **Assist with sacramental prep special events** such as the First Eucharist celebration.

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

_____ **(Age 3 through Kindergarten).** Lead or assist Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9 A.M. Sunday Mass for children ages 3-kindergarten. Children's Liturgy for this age group meets every Sunday. Ordinarily a four-week commitment, we can work with you to accommodate your schedule if necessary. Training and age-appropriate resources are provided.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

_____ **Adult Faith Enrichment Committee.** Help design and implement a variety of adult faith initiatives. Members invite speakers, research courses by Catholic theologians, facilitate discussions based on presented material.

_____ **Adult Faith Enrichment Event Assistance.** Help with set-up, clean-up and refreshments for adult faith enrichment programs/events.

_____ **Sponsor for Adults in R.C.I.A. process.** Participate in liturgical rites and attend meetings with candidates. Provide friendship and support to them throughout the formation process.

_____ **Catechist for Adults in R.C.I.A. process.** Teach Catholic traditions and doctrine once or twice a year for candidates seeking entrance into the Catholic Church.

_____ **Adult Small Christian Community.** Join or begin a group that meets weekly or bi-monthly, or only during Lent.

HOSPITALITY

_____ **Baking.** Bake a dessert item occasionally for a parish event.

_____ **Guardian Angels.** Help welcome new parishioners to St. Catherine's. You will be assigned 1-2 new parishioners whom you will contact to greet and invite to a parish social activity.

_____ **Hospitality Support.** Provide entrée or side dish items occasionally for parish functions.

_____ **Chip In Ministry.** Help with individual events as needed based on your availability. You would be contacted prior to events (*i.e., Fall Harvest Festival, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, Easter Vigil Reception, Parish Picnic*) to see if you are available.

_____ **Social Hours.** Help organize an occasional social hour after either the 9 A.M. or the 11:30 A.M. Mass. Set up, clean up, or greet people and refill supplies at monthly social hours. Please specify for which Mass you prefer to work.

_____ **Men's Group.** Provide a variety of services such as helping with parish dinners, pancake breakfasts, funeral receptions and staffing occasional parish maintenance projects.

OTHER

_____ I would be willing to share my time and talent in an area not listed above in the following way:

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OFFICE/ADMINISTRATIVE

_____ **Bulletins.** Assist occasionally with folding and stuffing of Sunday bulletins.

_____ **Mailings.** Assist with occasional bulk mailing preparation.

_____ **Bookkeeping.** Assist with weekly bookkeeping; approximately 4 hours/week. Enter invoices into bookkeeping software and filing.

_____ **Office Help.** Assist in Parish Office during staff vacations, special times or projects.

_____ **Data Entry Person.** Update our Parish calendar quarterly for Tompkins County Covenanting Council calendar.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SISTER PARISH

_____ **Communications.** Help work on sister parish communications via newsletter, website, etc.

_____ **200 Club Committee.** Help plan this annual fund-raising event.

_____ **Development Committee.** Direct and manage Dominican Republic related parish activities such as fundraising, communication and educational efforts with and for our sister parish.

COMMITTEES

_____ **★★ Communications Committee.** Plan and implement strategies to foster excellent communication within the parish and between the parish and greater community, and to provide guidance so all communication is consistent with our vision and mission.

_____ **★★ Peace and Justice.** Address peace, environment and poverty-related issues, including both direct service and legislative advocacy efforts leading to systemic change.

_____ **★★ Welcoming and Social Committee.** Help plan strategies and events to welcome and support parishioners. Events include Newcomer welcome party, Ash Wednesday Soup Supper, Parish Picnic, etc. Time commitment can be big or small.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

_____ **Infant Baptism Follow-up.** Contact baptismal families occasionally during the first year after baptisms.

_____ **★★ Brookdale Senior Residence.** Conduct a Communion service on Sundays at 10:30 A.M.

_____ **★★ Visit the Sick.** Bring the Eucharist to parishioners at home or in nursing homes or other facilities on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis.

_____ **Preparation and/or delivery** of meals to elderly and/or bereaved.

_____ **Coordinate and provide** simple receptions in the Parish Center following funerals.

_____ **Calling Ministry.** Make weekly check-in calls to homebound.

_____ **Poinsettia project.** Deliver Christmas poinsettias with cards to bereaved families, the homebound, and nursing homes.

_____ **Giving Tree.** Help coordinate Christmas gift-giving to local community agencies that assist the needy.

_____ **Clothing Drop-Off Box Helper.** Sort and bag donated clothing for the needy on weekdays, bi-weekly or less, at our clothing shed in the west parking lot adjacent to the Parish Center.

_____ **Samaritan Center.** Sort and hang clothes for a free clothing closet on any day of the week from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Catholic Charities, 324 West Buffalo Street.

_____ **Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard.** Occasionally deliver monthly grocery donations to Salvation Army building, 150 North Albany Street. Deliveries only accepted Monday-Friday, 9 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Our annual gifts of Time and Talent

First and Last Name(s)

Address

City, Zip

Phone

Email

Please complete this form, bring it to Mass and put in box near sister parish bowls or mail to the Parish Office by September 10/11, 2011. Thank you.



We're for...giving.