

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

- Coordinates “hands-on” service projects for those in need and educate the parish in areas of social justice. Makes recommendations to the Pastor and the Parish Council concerning special needs projects that require outreach and funding by the Parish. Oversees the functions of the following ministries: Saint Vincent DePaul Society, Elizabeth Ministry, Respect Life Group, Matthew 25-House Project, Center for the Homeless Casserole Program, Hope Rescue Mission, Fountainview Nursing Home, Helping Hands, and Financial Resource Committee.
- Open to all adult parishioners.
- Meetings are scheduled quarterly and on an “as needed basis”.

### **SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY**

- Provide direct assistance to the needy through phone calls and person-to-person contact. Help the district Saint Vincent DePaul Society office in various ways: sort food, distribute Christmas baskets, and work in the client choice food pantry.
- Open to all parishioners.
- Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Assistance is provided on an “as needed basis” and is flexible with volunteers’ schedules and family life.

### **CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS CASSEROLE PROGRAM**

- Prepare a casserole to serve 30 guests at the Center for the Homeless. Volunteers pick up a casserole pan and recipe at the parish office and are responsible for purchasing the ingredients, assembling the casserole, and delivering the casserole to the church kitchen on their assigned date.
- Open to adults and families.
- Volunteers are scheduled to prepare a casserole approximately once every four months.

### **ELIZABETH MINISTRY**

- Offer peer support, mentoring, and spiritual nourishment to women and their families during the joys, challenges, and sorrows of the childbearing years and beyond. Teams include: Meals, Adoption, Crisis Team, Hannah’s House Projects, Infertility, Pregnancy and Infant Loss, Breastfeeding Support, Post-partum Depression/Anxiety, Babies and Bellies/Parties for New Moms, Multiples, Natural Family Planning, Children with Special Needs, Single Moms, Pregnant Teens, and Parents of Pregnant Teens.
- Open to all women parishioners.
- Ministry members meet two times a year. Team leaders meet 4 times a year. Assistance is provided on an “as needed basis”.

### **SAINT PIUS X RESPECT LIFE GROUP**

- Help the parish focus on greater respect for all life—the unborn, those with disabilities, and the elderly—through prayer, programs, and direct assistance. Current programs include the Chalice and Icon Prayer Ministry.
- Open to all parishioners.
- Meetings are held three times per year. Additional projects are planned based on interest and availability.

### **MATTHEW 25-HOUSE PROJECT**

- Represent Saint Pius, along with other churches in Saint Joseph County, in planning, funding, and constructing a house through the Habitat for Humanity initiative.
- Open to all parishioners.
- Planning and preparation is conducted during winter and spring months. Construction begins in the summer. Time commitment varies based on availability.

### **SAINT ADALBERT LIAISON**

- New ministry aiming to create an ongoing relationship with our Sister Parish, Saint Adalbert, in South Bend. Steering Committee members will develop and implement various ways in which our parishes can join together in mutually beneficial sharing of time, talent, and prayer, such as potluck meals, joint Masses, the Giving Tree Program, and tutoring/mentoring. Liaison members will assist Steering Committee in the implementation of such activities.
- Steering Committee is open to adult parishioners. Parishioners of all ages are encouraged to participate as a Liaison member.
- Steering Committee meetings are held monthly. Participation in Liaison activities is based on need and availability.

### **HELPING HANDS**

- Visit and provide aid to parishioners who are in need of special assistance with odd jobs or errands, especially those who are homebound.
- Open to all parishioners.
- Assistance is provided based on need of parishioners and the availability of volunteer.

### **HOPE RESCUE MISSION**

- Gather at Saint Pius to prepare a meal to be served at the Hope Rescue Mission, donate a dessert, or serve the meal at the Mission.
- Open to all parishioners.
- Meals are prepared five times throughout the year.

### **FOUNTAINVIEW NURSING HOME**

- Set-up Mass on scheduled Saturday morning and help the residents get to Mass.
- Open to all parishioners.
- Volunteers are scheduled approximately 2-3 times per year. Set-up begins at 9:15 a.m. on Saturdays, followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m.

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

- Responsible for planning and implementing a Stewardship Program that encourages parishioners to actively participate in and financially support St. Pius X Parish. The committee reports to the Pastor and promotes the concepts of stewardship through its own involvement in Parish programs.
- Open to adult parishioners who embrace Stewardship as a Way of Life. Committee members must complete an application and be appointed by the Stewardship Director.
- Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- Prepare and implement programs which support local charities. Regular functions include the monthly pancake breakfast and the Lenten Fish Fry.
- Open to all Catholic men.
- Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. Volunteers are scheduled during events based on need and availability.

### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

- Advise the pastor and Business Manager on financial matters pertaining to the parish including review of the annual parish budget and the financial status of the parish.
- Open to adult parishioners with professional, financial expertise and who are appointed by the pastor.
- Meetings are held approximately 6 times per year during lunch hours.

### **FINANCIAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

- Advise the pastor and Business Manager on the distribution of the Parish tithes to local, national, and international needs of the poor.
- Open to adult parishioners with professional, financial expertise and who are appointed by the pastor.
- Meetings are held approximately 6-8 times per year.