

Commissions and Ministries

Our parish ministries at St. Anthony of Padua offer a wide range of opportunities to serve others, to learn about our faith, and to build friendships with each other. We firmly believe that each member of our parish has an important role to play in the Body of Christ.

The parish commissions represent different areas of ministry. Each Commission is responsible to the Pastor and the Council of Ministries for achieving Parish goals and objectives related to the ministry of the Commission. Each Commission's purpose and functions are as follows:

- CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION
- COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION
- EDUCATION and FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION
- SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION
- STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION
- YOUTH COMMISSION

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Outreach Ministries

Ministry to the Sick

The primary function of this group is to bring the Eucharist to Catholics in nursing homes, hospitals

and the homebound. Training is provided.

Mike Schrecker, 282-2290

Rides to Church

This is a group of parishioners willing to provide transportation to and from Mass and other parish activities.

Mike Schrecker, 282-2290

Bereavement

Friendship

This group provides food for families of deceased parishioners. The responsibilities of members are to make food, order and pick up meat trays, and deliver to location requested. There are no scheduled meetings.

Karen Hennessey, 945-1255

Tender Loving Care (TLC)

TLC is a group of parishioners offering some type of personal contact to parish members in need. This may be by providing a meal to a homebound parishioner, one recovering from illness, or grieving the loss of a spouse. This group may also assist in taking a parishioner to a doctor's appointment or to the grocery store, or picking up a prescription. Telephone visits with homebound

are also a part of this ministry.
Carole Dehli, 945-8496

Ministry of Consolation

To be a minister of consolation, a member of the parish goes through special training and serves as a support to those in our parish who have lost a loved one. There are no meetings, but there are days of renewal required.

Becky Mattingly, 283-5641

Health Ministries

The program is to promote health and wellness among the parishioners through education and self-awareness. Health Care Professionals who are parishioners join teams to promote this through blood pressure checks and other information sessions as requested. There is a board that meets as needed.

Pam Cox, 288-7756

Respect Life Committee

This group helps keep the parish aware of issues related to all facets of human life from conception to natural death. The responsibilities include willingness to work toward fulfilling directives from the Archdiocese. The meetings are held at 4:00 pm on the third Sunday of every other month at Anna Marie Miller's home.

Anna Marie Miller, 282-4826

Secular Franciscan Order

This is a lay fellowship open to all men and women 18 years of age or older who feel drawn to the spirit and life of Saint Francis of Assisi. Candidates for the Order spend a period of time in spiritual formation and preparation. Following this preparation, the candidate makes a commitment to living the Gospel life in the manner of Saint Francis and the profession of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience appropriate for the lay state as either married or single persons. The responsibilities of members are the spiritual formation and growing in the spirit of Saint Francis and to participate in the service and outreach activities. Meetings are on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Church and Social Center.

Joe Theobald, 945-4614

St. Vincent De Paul Society

The primary function of this group is to help feed the hungry, clothe the needy and provide shelter for the homeless. Responsibilities are to manage the parish food pantry and to distribute materials/food to Clark County residents. Meetings are usually held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month in the Parish Center.

Wanda Miller, 282-2290

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

Family Life Committee

The primary function of this group is to provide community-building activities for all members of the parish. The responsibilities are to attend meetings, plan and implement the group's activities. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center.
Jill Finnegan, 282-9990

Piecemakers

The group will make quilts for the Parish Picnic and provide instructions on quilting to interested members. Meetings are the first and third Thursday of the month in the Parish Center.
Jean Feuerhelm, 284-4557

Welcoming Committee

This committee welcomes new parishioners after they have completed the registration process. This committee is responsible for contacting new parishioners. It provides new parishioners with an opportunity to meet members of the Saint Anthony parish community and to answer questions about the parish and its activities. Meetings are the second Wednesday of every other month in the Parish Center.
Laura Stoner, 948-8813

Men's Club

This group provides community building among all men of the parish and to provide service to the parish. The responsibilities are to participate in the activities of the group. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month in "The Basement" of the Parish Center.
Terry Spray, 944-9765

Primetimers

Provides community building and social opportunities for senior citizens. Responsibilities are to participate in social and spiritual activities. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon and social activity in the Parish Center.
Mike Bryant, 945-5918

EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

St. Anthony of Padua School

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School is committed to instructional excellence. The school serves students from pre-school through eighth grade, offering basic academic programs, religious education, school liturgies and a sacraments program. In addition, the school offers computer, art, music, library and physical education classes. Counseling is available. Opportunities to participate in a variety of sports programs and extracurricular activities are also available.
Sheila Noon, 282-2144

School Committee

The primary function of this group is to develop and adopt the school's policies, formulate the annual and long-range plans; develop the annual operating budget for the school in conjunction with the Finance Committee; direct the implementation of Archdiocesan, Deanery and parish educational policies in the school program. Responsibilities are to attend meetings and participate in the policy-making, planning and budgeting process. To be a member of this group you must be a fully initiated (Confirmed) Catholic and a registered member of the parish, at least 17 years old and have an interest in our school. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month in the school Conference Room.

Pam Jaynes, 282-2144

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

This group provides communication opportunities between teachers and parents, community building activities and fund raising activities. Responsibilities are to attend PTO activities. Meetings are held three to four times during the school year and are held in the school cafeteria. Dates are published in the school handbook.

Jim Elsner, 442-7885

Adult Education

Bible study and classes on a variety of topics are offered throughout the year. Notices are placed in the church bulletin or you may contact the Parish Office and speak with a Religious Education staff member.

Connie Sandlin, 282-2290

Religious Education Programs (pre-school - high school)

Children's Religious Education

The children's program meets on the second Saturday of each month from 9AM-12PM in the school. Classes are for public school students in grades 1-8. Please call Connie Sandlin for more information.

Connie Sandlin, 282-2290

Sacramental Preparation Sessions

Parents of children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, and/or Confirmation are required to participate in these sessions. The purpose of these classes is to assist parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their children.

Connie Sandlin, 282-2290

Confirmation

A program for high school students geared toward preparing them for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is offered each year.

Connie Sandlin, 282-2290

Religious Education Committee

This group provides input and support for elementary and high school religious education programs, develop and adopt policies, formulate annual and long-range plans, develop the annual operating budget in conjunction with the Finance Committee, direct the implementation of Archdiocesan, Deanery and parish religious education policies.

Responsibilities are to attend meetings and participate in the policy-making, planning and budgeting process. To be a member of this group you must be a fully initiated (Confirmed) Catholic and a registered member of the parish, at least 17 years old and have an interest in faith formation.

Connie Sandlin, 282-2290

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA meets on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. This process is for adults who have never been baptized; those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition or those who have never received Eucharist or Confirmation, and who wish to be in full communion with the Catholic Church.

Connie Sandlin, 282-2290

RCIA for Children

RCIC is offered as needed for children who have not been fully initiated into the Catholic Church and who wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Eucharist.

Connie Sandlin, 282-2290

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Team

This group's function is to give input, organize and support the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) process. Their responsibilities are to attend RCIA sessions and to share in the session leadership, by leading prayers and participating in faith-sharing. This group meets from mid-September until Pentecost to the RCIA goals of the parish. Meetings are held on Wednesdays in the Social Hall.

Connie Sandlin, 282-2290

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

Liturgical Ministries

Eucharistic Minister

The function of this ministry is to ensure that the Eucharist is distributed under both the forms of bread and wine in a reverent manner. To be a Eucharistic Minister, an individual must be approved by the Archbishop, and participate in the appropriate training sessions and periodic enrichment experience. There are no scheduled meetings.

Amy Douglas - 282-2290

Lector

The function of this ministry is to proclaim the Word of God in the Scripture. Additional responsibilities include leading the congregation in the Prayer of the Faithful and making

announcements before the beginning of the liturgy. To be a Lector, an individual must participate in the appropriate training sessions and periodic enrichment experiences. There are no scheduled meetings.

Harry Mercer, 282-2290

Greeter

The function of this ministry is to be stationed at the church entrances to greet and welcome parishioners and guests to Saint Anthony Church. They are also available to answer questions for parishioners and guests as needed. To be a Greeter, an individual must participate in the appropriate training sessions and periodic enrichment experiences. There are no scheduled meetings.

Harry Mercer, 282-2290

Usher

The function of this ministry is to assist in greeting parishioners and guests, help with seating as necessary, collect the offering and distribute bulletins. They also assist as needed with emergencies. To be an Usher, an individual must participate in the appropriated training sessions and periodic enrichment experiences, There are no scheduled meetings.

Mike Caufield, 284-2762

Altar Server

The function of this ministry is to assist the other ministers of the liturgy, especially the Presider; so that the ceremonies proceed smoothly. Among their functions are holding the book(s) as the Presider leads the community in prayer, or by offering and returning various objects as they are needed in the worship service. To be an Alter Server, an individual must complete the first half of the fourth grade and participate in the appropriate training sessions and periodic enrichment experiences. There are no scheduled meetings.

Michael Schrecker, 282-2290

Music Ministers

Adult Choir

The function of this ministry is to provide music ministry for weekend and holy day Masses, seasonal celebrations, and miscellaneous parish gatherings. The responsibilities for Ensemble members are to attend rehearsals and provide the music ministry at a regularly assigned weekend or holy day Mass and at special services. Rehearsal is Thursday at 7:00 pm from the week of Labor Day until Trinity Sunday. This group meets on Sunday at 9:00 am in preparation for the 9:30 a.m. Mass year round.

Harry Mercer, 282-2290

One Voice' Ensemble

The function of this ministry is to provide music ministry for weekend and holy day Masses, seasonal celebrations, and miscellaneous parish gatherings. The responsibilities for Ensemble members are to attend rehearsals and provide the music ministry at a regularly assigned weekend or holy day Mass and at special services. Rehearsal is Sunday at 9:30 am

in the North Social Hall. This group leads the music ministry for the 11:30 am Sunday Mass.
Phil Gnadinger, 280-0939

The Resurrection Choir

The function of this ministry is to provide music ministry for funeral Masses. The responsibilities of The Resurrection Choir are to attend the funerals as requested and enrich the Rite of Christian Burial with music. From time to time rehearsals may be called for special services. Rehearsals for this choir are every other month on Wednesday at 10:00 am in the church.

Harry Mercer, 282-2290

Liturgy Planning Team

The function of this ministry is for interested parishioners to work with members of the Parish Staff to plan seasonal and special liturgical celebrations. To be a member requires a willingness to review and reflect upon the scriptures for a particular season or celebration. After a focus for the season is selected, a sub-committee of this group known as the Art and Environment Committee will carry out the plans that have been made for the church environment. Meetings are held periodically in the Parish Center as scheduled by the Chairperson.

Tish Kimbel, 948-0285

Art and Environment

The Art and Environment Committee meets when the major holiday seasons are approaching to discuss, plan and implement decorations for the liturgical celebrations of the Church year. Volunteers are needed for both the planning as well as the implementation, or hands-on work of decorating for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc. This group makes sure that our Church environment is varied, creative and inspiring.

Harry Mercer, 282-2290

Parish Mission Planning Team

The function of this ministry is to assist in the many facets and activities of planning, organizing and conducting our annual Lenten Parish Mission. Meetings are scheduled as needed. Amy Douglas, 282-2290

Spiritual Growth Planning Team

The function of this ministry is to assist in nourishing and giving direction to programs and activities that further the spiritual growth of all parishioners. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month in the Parish Center.

Nancy Beeler, 945-6365

Faith Sharing Groups

The Faith Sharing Groups will meet weekly during Advent to pray and reflect on the upcoming Sunday's readings. These groups are lead by members of the Parish.

Michael Schrecker, 282-2290

Christ Renews His Parish

This parish renewal program focuses on men's and women's retreats in the fall and spring in which there is an experience of faith in Christ. It is open to all adults of the parish.

Nancy Beeler, 945-6365

Small Church Communities

Men and women of the parish are invited to become a member of a small church community for the purpose of sharing faith and growth in Christ. The group is lead by a pastoral facilitator(s).

Michael Schrecker, 282-2290

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Stewardship Committee

The primary function of this group is to develop parish stewardship. This includes the oversight of fund raising requests as well as annual stewardship renewal and ongoing education. The responsibilities are to stay informed on stewardship, attend Archdiocesan programs and prepare parish programs. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month in the Parish Center.

Parish Office, 282-2290

Finance Committee

This Committee oversees the finances of the parish and recommends an annual budget to the Council of Ministries. The responsibilities are to prepare the annual budget and monitor the budget to assure the parish is meeting income and expense projections. In case of financial emergencies the committee recommends a plan of action to the Council of Ministries. Meetings are the second Thursday of each month in the Parish Center.

Jon Daugherty, 246-0869

Cemetery Committee

This committee oversees the finances of the Saint Anthony of Padua Cemetery located in Jeffersonville. The group also identifies and implements needed maintenance of the cemetery grounds. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month in August, October, December, February, April and June.

Parish Office, 282-2290

Collection Counters

Volunteers work in assigned teams to count and prepare the deposit of Sunday and other church collections. Teams are assigned a specific Monday every month. There are no scheduled meetings.

Parish Office, 282-2290

United Catholic Appeal

This Committee organizes and monitors the annual Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal. Meetings are scheduled as needed.

Parish Office, 282-2290

Building and Grounds Committee

The main function of this group is to identify and implement needed maintenance to the parish's physical plant and grounds. They work closely with the Finance Committee to prioritize maintenance and the funding of repairs. Responsibilities are to participate and recruit volunteers to assist in general maintenance work such as painting and grounds-keeping, as well as oversee the selection of outside contractors to complete work that cannot be done by parish volunteers. Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month, every other month in the Parish Center. Work parties are scheduled two or three times a year.

Rob Hochadel, 945-3837

Heavenly Dusters

The function of this ministry is to work in assigned teams to clean the church on Friday or Saturday of each week. Each team cleans no more than four times a year. There are no scheduled meetings.

Joan Oehmann, 282-7932

Communications Committee

The primary function of this group is to keep the parishioners informed of all activities and events. One of the major means of communication is the "Padua Press," the parish newsletter, published quarterly. Meetings are scheduled as needed.

Parish Office, 282-2290

Picnic Committee

The primary function of this group is to plan the parish's Annual Picnic that is held the fourth Friday and Saturday of July. The responsibilities are to participate and recruit volunteers to assist in the various game and food booths and other jobs related to the picnic. In addition, this group oversees the Capital Prize and other raffles. The group meets as needed during the year.

Nick and Patti Hollkamp, 280-8203; AND John and Virginia Gilkey, 282-6040

YOUTH COMMISSION

Youth Ministry Planning Team

The function of this group is to plan social, service, athletic and liturgical activities for Junior High, Senior High and Young Adults. The responsibilities are to attend meetings, bring ideas for activities, decide what activities will be pursued and to make plans to see that activities

become reality. Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of every month in the parish center basement.

Stacy Gillenwater at 282-2290 or sta-youth@insightbb.com

Senior High Youth Group

The function of this group is to provide fellowship for our parish's Senior High community through social, liturgical, service and athletic activities. All Senior High youth are invited to join this group. Responsibilities are to attend meetings and participate in the activities.

Stacy Gillenwater at 282-2290 or sta-youth@insightbb.com

Junior High Youth Group

Drop-in is held every Thursday during the school year for 7th and 8th grade students of the parish. We meet after school until 5:00. Drop-in meets in the Parish Gym and North Social Hall. Students can play in the gym, watch a movie, do homework, and socialize in a safe environment. Adults are always needed to help chaperone this activity.

Stacy Gillenwater at, 282-2290

Young Adults

The function of this group is to provide fellowship among our parish's young adult community through social, liturgical, service and athletic activities. Young Adults in the deanery meet every Monday night at the HobKnobb Coffee Shop by Arni's in the Knobs at 7:00 pm. Brother Bob Baxter usually attends to engage everyone in conversation regarding scripture readings and other biblical topics..

Stacy Gillenwater at, 282-2290

Athletic Committee

The function of this group is to plan and coordinate athletic/cheerleading events and practices for boys and girls grades three through eight. Responsibilities are to recruit and screen coaches, schedule games and practices, coordinate concessions approve expenditures for equipment and fees and serve as a sounding bard for parents and student's suggestions and concerns. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month in the North Social Hall at 7:00..

Joe Clark, 282-9431

Cub Scout Pack 48

The function of this group is to promote community service, patriotism, mental and physical fitness and to build character. All young men in grades one through five are invited to be members. The responsibilities are to attend Scout meetings and participate in Scout activities and training. Pack meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month in the school cafeteria. Pack Committee meetings are the first Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center.

Garry Nokes, 284-9753