
GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH



2014 MINISTRY GUIDE

Rev. Leon Juchniewicz, Pastor
Rev. Francis Stevenson, Parochial Vicar

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers: Altar servers play an important role in the celebration of Holy Mass, and are a valuable asset to the priests and the parish community. In committing to Altar Server duties, servers truly participate in the Eucharist. They learn the order of the Mass, the aspects of the sanctuary, and the various altar vessels used in the Mass. Through Altar Serving roles, servers contribute to the Body of Christ present in our parish. They learn that each area of ministry in the Mass is vital, from the ushers to the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. They see their role as essential and learn the importance of both commitment and of service to others. Through Altar Serving, Altar servers have frequent interactions with our priests and deacons in a positive environment. If they are called to a religious vocation, Altar Serving will surely be a fundamental step in their journey. If they are called to family life, their experience as servers will help them to foster a love of our faith in their own children.



Altar servers must have received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation. Altar servers must also be age 10 or older OR in 4th grade and above.



Altar servers are generally scheduled to serve 1-2 times per month and are required to attend an introductory training session and any refresher training sessions.



Contact: Maria Chan, Altar Server Coordinator, at altarservers@gscccg.org

Art and Environment: The Art and Environment Committee works to enhance the theme of the liturgical season. This is accomplished by changing the environment in the church using color, texture, images, symbols, pictures, flowers, plants, banners, candles, and more.

The Art and Environment Committee is open to all ages and all members of Good Shepherd.



Members of the Art and Environment Committee meet for 2-4 hours on Saturday mornings when the worship space environment is changed. In addition, meetings are held every 2-3 months to discuss and plan the environment.



Contact: Terry Defrates, Chair of Art and Environment Committee, at environment@gscccg.org



Children's Liturgy of the Word: This wonderful ministry is designed to introduce children - 1st through 4th grade - to the Word of God in age-appropriate language. Children are processed out of church for the

length of the homily (20 minutes) to learn about the gospel at their level of understanding in a classroom school format. At the end of the homily and before consecration, the children rejoin their parents in the church.



Catechists for the Children's Liturgy of the Word are parents who are fully initiated members of the Church who have received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.



There is a teaching commitment of one Sunday Mass every 4-8 weeks. Lesson plans and training are provided.



Contact: Maureen Smith, Children's Liturgy of the Word Coordinator, at clow@gscccg.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Extraordinary Ministers are Eucharistic people. They possess a deep love for and the practice of the Eucharist. The Bishop must give permission for men and women to minister the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. Fr. Leon approves applicants for the ministry and submits the names to the Bishop. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion receive sufficient spiritual, theological, and practical preparation to fulfill their role with knowledge and reverence. Their demeanor and the manner in which they handle the Body and Blood of Christ should reflect a genuine Eucharistic reverence. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion function only when not enough ordinary ministers (bishops, priests and deacons) are present.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are fully initiated members of the Church who have received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. They are regularly receiving

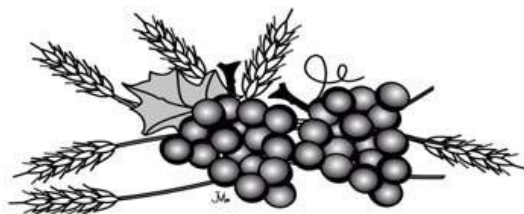
the Sacraments of the Church and are high school age or older.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are generally scheduled to serve 1-3 times per month and are required to attend an introductory training session and any refresher training sessions.



Contact: Dave Magnino, EM Coordinator, at emhc@gscccg.org



Homebound Ministry: The members of the Homebound Ministry are Extraordinary Ministers who visit the sick and take them Communion/Eucharist. The Eucharist is taken to people who are ill and cannot attend Mass. The Extraordinary Ministers take the Eucharist to the sick in their home, to local Assisted Living Facilities, to local hospitals and/or to the incarcerated at Rio Consumnes Correctional Center (RCCC). These Extraordinary Ministers bring the prayers and good wishes of the entire church community.



Members of the Homebound Ministry must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Members must also first be approved as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.



Members who take the Eucharist to the homebound generally do so after the Mass the Minister attends. Volunteers who take

the Eucharist to local Assisted Living Facilities are generally scheduled once per month. Before being scheduled as a homebound minister, members must attend training as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and any refresher training sessions.



Contact: Pat Viduya, Homebound Ministry Coordinator, at homeboundministry@gscceg.org



Hospital Ministry: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Eucharist to the Catholic patients at Kaiser South Hospital. The Pastoral Care Office of the hospital provides the names and room numbers of Catholic patients who have requested Communion. The essence of this ministry is to listen, to share prayers, to bring the Sacrament of Holy Communion and to make present God's love to those suffering the effects of illness, accident or aging.



Members of the Hospital Ministry must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Members must also first be approved as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Members are required to attend hospital orientation and to undergo background screening, TB tests, blood tests and a physical.



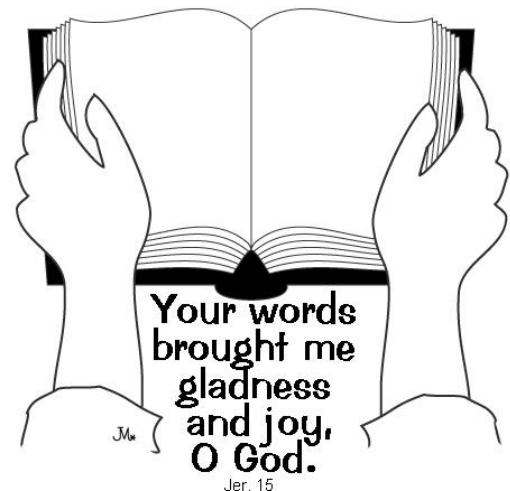
Members of the Hospital Ministry generally take Holy Communion to patients once a month for two to three hours. Before being scheduled as a member of the Hospital

Ministry, members must attend training both for the Hospital Ministry and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and any refresher training sessions.




Pat Viduya, Homebound Ministry Coordinator, at hospitalministry@gscceg.org

Lectors: Lectors participate in the liturgical celebrations of our faith community by proclaiming the Word of God. Lectors serve the faith community in concert with other liturgical ministers so as to conduct vibrant celebrations that enhance the faith journey of all members of the community. Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Sunday Mass and also read the gathering statement at the beginning of Mass and the announcement at the end of Mass. Lectors spend time practicing and reflecting in order to properly prepare for assignments. They use a delivery style that is audible and use good diction with a controlled pace that connects with the congregation.



Members of the Lector Ministry must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Members must also be of high school age or older.

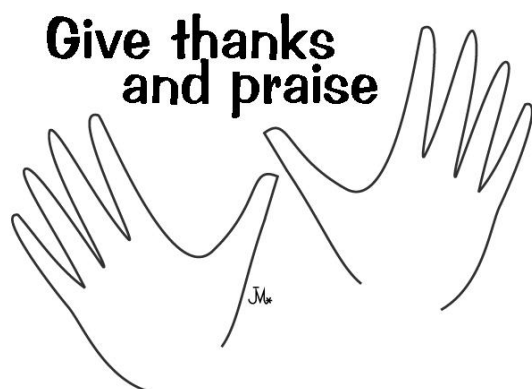
 Members are generally scheduled as a lector once a month. Members must attend an introductory training and any refresher training sessions.



Contact: Chris Faull
Coordinator, at lectors@gscccg.org

Martha Ministry: The manner in which we treat sacred things fosters and expresses our openness to the graces God gives to his Church in every celebration of the Eucharist. Thus, by the diligent care of altar linens, the Church expresses her joy at the inestimable gifts she receives from Christ's altar. Diligent care of altar linens along with keeping God's house in proper order, the Martha Ministry members follow in the footsteps of St. Martha who lovingly responded to the need to welcome Jesus in such a reverential, hospitable, and caring way.

Members of the Martha Ministry diligently care for all the altar linens used at all liturgical celebrations: altar cloths, purificators, lavabo and baptismal towels, and corporals on a weekly basis. In keeping with their calling to care for God's house, members gather – as needed - to clean the sanctuary area, mindful of “who is to come,” when we celebrate the Liturgy.



The Martha Ministry is open to all adult members in good standing of Good Shepherd Catholic Church.




Time commitment is flexible. Current members are scheduled to pick up soiled linens every 4-6 weeks @ 4 hours of washing time = 40 hours a year. Doesn't the Lord deserve 40 hours of your time? That leaves 8,720 hours to sit at the Lord's feet with Mary. More members, means less hours of commitment during the year.



Contact: Junia de la Cruz, Martha Ministry Coordinator, at marthaministry@gscccg.org

Mass Coordinator: Mass Coordinators are responsible for the smooth flow of the liturgy at Good Shepherd. The Mass Coordinator makes sure the church is ready for the liturgy, ensures the presence of all scheduled participants: the Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, and Altar Servers. The Mass Coordinator also assists the Lead Usher in his or her duties and responds to the needs of the Priests or Deacons before, during, and after the Mass. Mass Coordinators can also be called on to handle problems and assist the congregation with special needs during the service, and also to coordinate with the Lead Usher to transition the church to the next Mass after theirs is complete. Mass Coordinators receive the ultimate reward B thanks given later in Heaven. Mass Coordinators are an unsung ministry and are vitally important to the flow of the Mass. They operate quietly and efficiently behind the scenes so the parish can have a quality Mass experience.


The Mass Coordinator Ministry is open to all adult members in good standing of Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

 Members are generally scheduled as a Mass Coordinator 1-2 times per month. Members must attend an introductory training and any refresher training sessions.

 Contact: Gary Watson, Lead Coordinator, at masscoordinator@gscccg.org

Ushers: The members of the Usher Ministry are ministers of hospitality. They help with the flow of the Mass by assisting with seating our congregation, taking the collection, and runs smoothly. The Ushers and the Mass Coordinator are the facilitators of the Mass and see that the Mass flows without undue delay. Ushers also provide other assistance as needed to the Mass Coordinator to ensure that the Mass runs smoothly.

The Mass Coordinator Ministry is open to all adult members in good standing of Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

 Members are not scheduled and volunteer as needed by signing up before Mass. Members must attend an introductory training and any refresher training sessions.

 Contact: Ed Camerino, Usher Ministry Coordinator, at ushers@gscccg.org

Evangelization

Couples for Christ: Couples for Christ is an International Catholic community committed to the work of global evangelization and renewal, with the goal of winning the world for Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Couples for Christ intends to carry out its work and its mission by focusing on three specific objectives: individual renewal, family renewal and church renewal.

The Couples for Christ Ministry is “from conception to natural death”:

CFC Kids For Christ are for children from ages 4 - 12 years old.


CFC Youth For Christ are for young adults ages from 13 - 21 years old.


CFC Singles For Christ are for single man and women ages 22 - 40 years old.

CFC Couples For Christ are for married couples (Nondenominational).

CFC Handmaids of the Lord are for widows, mature single women, divorced women, and single mothers.

CFC Servants of the Lord are for widowers, mature single men and divorced men.

 The commitment is to have the participant attend the entry level program offered by the ministry. At this time, we have an ongoing Christian Life Program for Couples For Christ, that is scheduled for 13 weekly meetings. We also have a scheduled Youth For Christ camp (entry level) on the weekend of our Ministry Fair. This is a weekend camp (Friday thru Sunday noon time).

 Contact: Ernie and Nita Sahagun, Facilitators of Couples for Christ, at couplesforchrist@gscccg.org

Cursillo: Cursillo is designated a “Lay Movement” of the Catholic Church that begins with a person attending a three-day weekend retreat. After the weekend, the Cursillista (someone who has made a Cursillo Weekend), has the opportunity to continue their Cursillo journey (if they want to) via

many different venues such as renewal retreats, spiritual gatherings, small prayer groups, social gatherings (dances, mixers, golf tournaments, etc.), working on retreat weekends, and many more other options. The emphasis of the Cursillo Movement is to have people experience God's love via a beautiful weekend and then develop a closer personal relationship with HIM while personally trying to make a positive difference in themselves and the world: their work environment, friends, parish, and family.

The weekend is intended for those who (1) wish to deepen their relationship with Christ, (2) desire to live their faith daily, (3) want to share their faith with confidence, and (4) yearn for a faithful community of supporters. The Sacraments are an important foundation of the weekend. Those who are not able to fully partake might want to postpone until a better time. The weekend is intense. Persons recently divorced, grieving a loss or suffering in any way will want to wait for a less stressful time. The weekend is not a substitute for Faith Formation. The weekend is wholly and fully Catholic but it does not include background on the catechism, dogma or traditions of our faith. Cursillo provides us with the opportunity to grow. It is not meant to solve problems which exist within us or with the relationships we have with other individuals.



Cursillo is open to practicing Catholics 18 years of age or older who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.



A three-day weekend and various activities scheduled throughout the year.



Contact: Monica Small, Parish Representative of the Diocese of Sacramento Cursillo, at cursillo@gscccg.org

Divine Mercy Charismatic Group: The Divine Mercy Family Prayer Group is composed of Catholic Christian families dedicated in bringing CHRIST to the families and families to CHRIST. A charismatic prayer meeting consists of a group of people from varying backgrounds, young and old, who meet regularly to offer praises and worship, honor and give thanks to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. The group provides opportunities for its members to experience God's presence in their lives, thus inspiring them to be of service to one another through the sharing of their time, talent and treasure by actively participating in activities and ministries within the parish community.

The Divine Mercy Charismatic Group is open to all adult members in good standing of Good Shepherd Catholic Church and their families.



The group meets the 4th Saturday of the month for prayer and Bible study.




Contact: Rolly and Susan Gonzales, Ministry Leads, at dmcg@gscccg.org



Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of Catholics, men and women, who offer their services to their pastor to aid him in performing spiritual works in the parish. This is done by placing themselves under the banner of Mary so with her help they may develop greater holiness in their own lives as well as spread devotion to her among others. The objectives are: (a) the personal sanctification of its members who, taking Mary as their model, endeavor to imitate her virtues, especially her Faith, Charity and Humility; (b) The spread of devotion to Mary, primarily by encouraging the praying of the Rosary; and (c) The performance of apostolic work under the direction of the Spiritual Director of the parish unit of the Legion.


The Legion of Mary is open to all adult members in good standing of Good Shepherd Catholic Church.


 There are two types of memberships, Active members and Auxiliary members. Active members attend weekly meetings, pray the Legion Catena prayer and Rosary daily, and perform substantial assigned apostolic work weekly and maintain secrecy of the Legions Discussions and Works. Auxiliary members are the praying wings of the Legion.

 Contact: Tina Sandoval, Ministry Lead, at legionsofmary@gscccg.org

Vocations Ministry: The Vocations Committee of Good Shepherd Church promotes vocations; encourages the parish community through prayer; and supports seminarians. Under the guidance and training of the Diocesan Director of Vocations, Fr. Chuck Kelly, our three-parish deanery has the purpose of launching a campaign to facilitate discernment within promising candidates.

The Vocations Ministry is open to members in good standing of Good Shepherd Catholic Church of high school age and older.

 There are five meetings per year. In addition, approximately three times per year, there are fundraiser sales after Mass. Additional time is spent in December for caroling at homes by invitation.

 Contact: Conchita Masaoay, Ministry Lead, at vocations@gscccg.org


EVANGELIZATION & OUTREACH MINISTRY


The Evangelization Outreach Ministry shares the mission of the New Evangelization given to us by Pope John Paul II, which supports and serves our parish and sister parishes of the surrounding communities in the efforts of bringing lifelong faith formation through Catholic professionals within the church teachings, which deepens relationships to Christ and nourishes lives of holiness that transforms society and culture. For more information please contact Donna Gutierrez at Outreach@gscccg.org .

Music Ministries

Adult and Youth Music: Do you have musical talent? Are you being called to serve the Church through music? Good Shepherd Catholic Church presently has five adult/youth choirs which lead the music at Masses every Sunday. All choirs have a leader in charge of their respective group. Each group practices weekly or every other week, depending on its needs. Our music ministry also includes singers and musicians who are available for funerals and weddings.

The Adult/Youth Music Ministry is open to members in good standing of Good Shepherd Catholic Church of high school age and older.

 Each group practices weekly or every other week, depending upon need.

 Contact: John and Mary Palmer, Ministry Leads, at adultchoir@gscccg.org



Educational and Sacramental Preparation Ministries

Baptism: Baptism Ministers help the families preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism by assisting at the monthly meetings of the families preparing for baptism. Additionally, ministers assist in setting up for the celebration of the Sacrament and acting as a host or hostess on the Saturdays when the Sacrament is celebrated. This is a very rewarding experience for a married couple.



The Baptism Ministry is open to adult members in good standing of Good Shepherd Catholic Church who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.



Baptism Ministers should be willing to volunteer in rotation for the Saturday baptisms. It takes approximately one hour for set up and clean up, in addition to the actual Sacrament. The Ministry is also looking for

someone willing to provide the prep classes for the candidates and their families. This is also rotated on a monthly basis on the first Monday of each month. This teaching ministry takes several months of preparation for the Sacrament.



Contact: Deacon Ed Smith
at baptism@gsccg.org

Catholic Faith Formation: Good Shepherd recognizes parents as the primary catechists of their children. Our parish strives to partner with parents in the process of the forming of the faith of their children. Weekly classes are held for our parish children in grades 1-8, which includes classes to prepare children for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Good Shepherd Church Catholic Faith Formation program welcomes all baptized children/youth to participate in the CFF Program. Our program is staffed completely by volunteers – Catechists - who donate their time and talents. All classes are taught on site and all teaching materials are provided.



A Catechist is anyone called by God who has the desire to share her/his faith to others in catechesis. There is no age limit, just an ability to teach and a commitment to the ministry. A Catechist must be a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If married, the Catechist must be married in the Catholic Church. The Catechist must also have the basic knowledge of our faith and the ability to share that with the students.



CFF has a whole year calendar of activities. Classes take place generally from September to May and require approximately an hour and a half in teaching time plus one to two hours per week in preparation time. The Catechist should be


open to attending meetings and workshop for spiritual development, and training (you cannot share what you don't have, so the Office of Religious Education provides some input and opportunities.)




Contact CFF Coordinators Sister Sibebe Moreira, VDMF or Sister Reyna Colimote, VDMF at cff@gsccg.org.

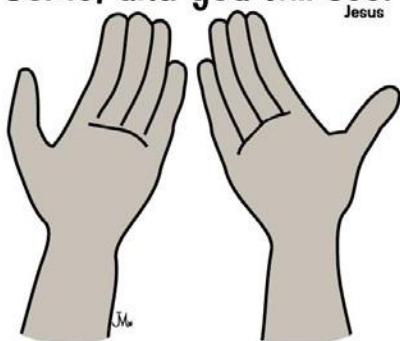
Kinderchurch: Kinderchurch is a parent participation ministry where children 12 months through Kindergarten age learn about our Catholic faith with age-appropriate stories, songs, crafts, and lessons while their parents attend Mass. Kinderchurch classes run from September through May and are provided during the 9:00 AM Mass. This program is the beginning of your child's faith formation and prepares them to enter CFF (Catholic Faith Formation). Five Kinderchurch classes are provided to meet your child(ren)'s needs. The Kindergarten Class is for children currently enrolled in Kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year. The Pre-Kindergarten Class is for children age 4 by 10/31/11. The Preschool Class is for children age 3 by 10/31/11. The Nursery Class is for children age 2 by 10/31/11, and the Infant Room is for children age 12-24 months by the start of Kinderchurch (9/12/11). Kinderchurch also offers several social opportunities for our Kinderchurch families to develop friendship and fellowship with other parishioners at GSCC. Kinderchurch Teachers and Assistant Teachers are still needed for the 2011-2012 term in all classrooms.

Kinderchurch classes are open to children ages 12 months (by 9/12/11) through Kindergarten age. Catechist positions are open to any adults who are dedicated to the faith formation of our youngest parishioners. We encourage parents, single adults, college students, and high school seniors to join our staff of Teachers and Assistant Teachers.


 Teachers and Assistant Teachers are scheduled on a 4-6 week rotation depending on the number of Catechists in each class. It works out to approximately 6-7 times during the course of the year.


 Contact: Laura Wade, Ministry Lead, at kinderchurch@gsccceg.org


Come, and you will see.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):
RCIA is for those looking to enter the Catholic Church (whether baptized in another denomination or not), and those baptized Catholics who started their faith journey, but for whatever reasons, never reached full communion with the Church. The catechists in the RCIA process at Good Shepherd Catholic Parish give freely of their time, talent, and treasure. They share their knowledge, beliefs, and lead by living our faith. They facilitate not only the scheduled topics, but lead discussions into many other areas of our Catholic faith.

 To become a catechist, you must be a practicing Catholic in full communion with the Holy See, preferably with some teaching or lecturing experience; have a strong willingness to share your faith with others; be willing to give of your time to the RCIA process; be willing to obtain your basic catechist certificate within a reasonable time; and most of all, be an example of how we should be living our lives through our faith.

 The catechists choose the number of classes they want per month. Class time begins after the homily at the 9:00 AM Mass, where the catechumens and candidates are dismissed for the Breaking of the Word and scheduled topic. The class lasts for approximately 90 minutes.

 Contact: Tim and Becky Fukuda, Coordinators of RCIA, at rcia@gsccceg.org



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Adapted for Children: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The RCIA Adapted for Children applies this process to age appropriate groups of children. The Rite speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful. The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, which came about during the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church’s way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church.

RCIA is for (1) Persons in need of Baptism over the age of 7; (2) Persons baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic; and (3) Persons baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and Confirmation. RCIA Adapted for Children is a vibrant ministry at Good Shepherd. We serve over 50 families and children ranging in age from 7 to 18 years of age.



To become a catechist, you must be an adult member in good standing of Good Shepherd Catholic Church and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.



We have catechists and assistants who work with classes of 15-20 children. Some work with the children in the Breaking Open of the Word where the Sunday readings are discussed. Other catechists are involved in teaching more formal sessions. We have needs for other volunteers to work with the families as guides to our Catholic parish. Some volunteers assist with the various retreats we have throughout the year.



Contact: Menchie Cabrera,
Coordinator, at rcia-c@gscccg.org

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School:

Serving preschool age children and grades K-8, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School is an educational ministry of the faith communities of St. Joseph and Good Shepherd Parishes of Elk Grove. It exists to support parents who are the primary educators of their children, in their efforts to build an academic and spiritual community and pass on the values, traditions and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School offers a faith-filled education based on Catholic values. This education focuses on the total development of the child within a nurturing community of believers.

The school offers a wide variety of electives to the middle school students in art, music, technology and leadership. Sports activities are available to all students. The school boasts an active Parent Booster Club and strong parent involvement.

Students attending St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School model School-Wide Learner Expectations (SLEs). SLEs describe the student as a learner throughout his/her time at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. These are the broad goals of the school, and are supported by content standards. They are:

I. Students will be active Christians who:

- a) understand Church teachings
- b) live the gospel through service to others
- c) demonstrate compassion
- d) respect diversity
- e) participate in Mass
- f) pray

II. Students will be life-long learners who:

- a) make responsible choices with their health, fitness and environment
- b) are self-motivated and confident

- c) use educational and technological resources
- d) read for enjoyment and learning
- e) demonstrate an appreciation of the arts

III. Students will be effective communicators who:

- a) work cooperatively in group settings
- b) use listening and questioning skills
- c) express ideas orally and in writing
- d) write effectively in a variety of genres
- e) speak publicly with confidence

IV. Students will be effective self-evaluators who:

- a) make moral choices
- b) demonstrate responsible behavior
- c) recognize their strengths and weaknesses
- d) are open to constructive criticism
- e) assess work for quality

V. Students will be effective problem solvers who:

- a) think critically
- b) learn and evaluate
- c) formulate solutions

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School is fully accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Founded in 1999, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School received its first ever accreditation visit in May, 2004.



Contact: For more information regarding St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Catholic School contact the office at 684-7903 Or at seas@gscceg.org

Outreach Ministries

Lazarus Ministry: We are a Resurrection People; we hold in faith the hope for which many hunger, especially the grieving. The Risen Lord gives us a promise of life, not only life after death, but the hope that we can rise again from all the little deaths of sin, failure and loss. We dare not refuse to share that hope. The Lazarus Ministry creates an atmosphere of acceptance, understanding and direction for those who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. Empowered by our baptism, it is the responsibility, not only of the pastoral staff, but also of the entire Good Shepherd community, to bring Christ's comfort to those who are bereaved. No member of our community grieves alone, without the love and the resurrection faith we hold in trust for one another.

The Lazarus Ministry is open to all members of Good Shepherd.



The Lazarus Ministry assists when needed.



Contact: Liz Ponce, Ministry Coordinator Funeral Mass, at lazarusministry@gscccg.org or Fely Salgado for Vigil Service @ ourveryown33038@aol.com

Elizabeth Ministry: Good Shepherd Catholic Church Elizabeth Ministry Elizabeth Ministers provide support and encouragement to other women of our parish when someone is experiencing either a joy or crisis related to pregnancy or childbirth. If you have experienced the joy of welcoming a child to your family through birth or adoption, the sorrow of infertility, the grief of a miscarriage, or the rollercoaster of the adoption process,

you can help someone else going through those same experiences by ministering to her.

A secondary activity of our ministry is bringing meals to families who have just brought a new baby into their home or are on bed rest. Volunteers can agree to be on the meals team without also being an Elizabeth Minister.

Responsibilities of an Elizabeth Minister are to provide support through phone calls and visits, bring a small gift to the woman on behalf of the Parish (all materials provided), and make and deliver a dinner meal for a family (meals team only).



The Elizabeth Ministry is open to all women of Good Shepherd.

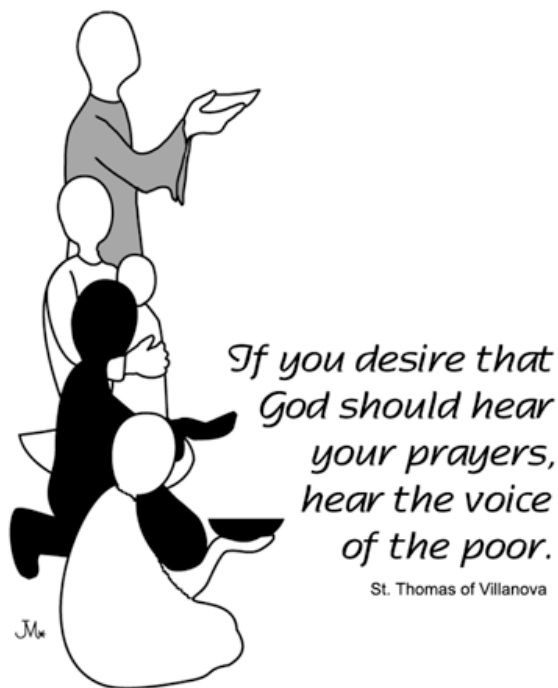


Elizabeth Ministers attend a 2-hour orientation session at the start of your ministry. Thereafter, Elizabeth Ministers spend approximately 2-3 hours of time (spaced over the course of a month or so) once or twice a year to minister to a particular woman in need. Members of the Meals Team spend 4-5 hours of time (over the course of one day) to prepare and deliver meals to a family once every couple of months.




Contact: Celeste Hickman, Ministry Lead, at elizabethministry@gscccg.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society: The mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is to provide food and clothing and to assist with partial rent, utility bills and other payments on a case-by-case basis, to those who are our poor people in the Good Shepherd parish area.



There are no requirements to be a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society ministry. The only requirement is to work to help alleviate poverty in the same way Jesus Christ did, with kindness and understanding.

 The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society meet monthly. Volunteers can work an hour or five hours a month, whatever time one has to volunteer.



Contact: Joann Tansey, 647-1243 or svdp@gscceg.org

Parish Life

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus, formed in 1882, by the venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, was and still is today a fraternal organization that takes care of its members through their own insurance program (which has received the highest insurance ratings in the industry for years on end). It is the largest lay Catholic organization in the world. From that small group that first formed in 1882, to present day, there are over 1.8 million Catholic men who still carry on the basic principle of our order, Charity.

The Knights of Columbus have been advocates and defenders of religious and civil rights for all. The Knights of Columbus have also donated billions of dollars and millions of hours of volunteer services to charity. The Knights of Columbus have also supported certain movements, i.e. helped to have the words "under God" placed into the Pledge of Allegiance, and they still are helping to defend it (we even have some of our own members involved in this present day case).



Members of the Knights of Columbus must be male, 18 years of age or older, a practicing Catholic who accepts the teachings of the Church, in union with the Holy See. Members and applicants must accept fully the teachings of the Church on such matters of faith and morals. The members and applicants aspire to live in accord with the precepts of the Church, and the members and applicants must be in good standing in the Catholic Church.



The time commitment is minimal. The rewards are many. We have two meetings a month (an officers' meeting and a general meeting) that last approximately an hour and half each. The Knights of Columbus are always looking for active members.



Contact: Terry Reese, Grand Knight, at kofc@gscccg.org

Respect Life: The Respect Life Committee seeks to help make Good Shepherd Parish a center for life, a place where parishioners understand the issues and the importance of meeting the needs of those who are most vulnerable – particularly mothers and their unborn children, the seriously ill and their families. The committee seeks to increase awareness concerning the value of Life in all of its stages, from conception to natural death. Planned activities include the annual West Coast “Walk for Life” in San Francisco, the 40 Days for Life prayer vigils, Rosaries for pro-life, sharing the teachings of the Catholic Church on topics like stem cell research, infertility and its treatments, End of Life issues, and Fetal Development.

The ministry is open to all.



The time commitment is minimal.



Contact: Gary Hickman at (916) 806-6736 or respectlife@gscccg.org

Social Committee: The Social Committee organizes and runs different fundraising events at Good Shepherd Church throughout the year. The Crab Feed is held in February, and the Pancake Breakfast for the Parish Festival in September. Additionally, the committee may become involved in organizing and setting up for various receptions and potlucks for the parish.



The committee is open to all.



The committee meets the first Thursday of every month for one hour (except summers). In addition, there is additional time planning, preparing for, and serving at parish events.



Contact: Sonia Valverde-Strong, Committee Chair, at socialcommittee@gscccg.org

Life Teen:



Contact: John Paul Ochoa, Life Teen
Youth Ministers, at 689-2723, or
youthgroup@gscccg.org



SANTO NINO PRAYER GROUP:

The mission of the Santo Nino Prayer Group is to propagate and spread devotion to the Holy Infant Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary through novena and prayers during the visits to families and homes. Throughout the week of visit to the scheduled hosting family, the daily recitation of the rosary and the devotional prayers to the Holy Infant Jesus fosters love and peace within the family, the greater community, especially with the parish family at Good Shepherd.

The Santo Nino Group encourages the families they visit to: (1) to register as parishioners of Good Shepherd Catholic Church; (2) to teach and guide them in how to pray specially the Rosary; (3) couples who are not yet married in the Catholic Church, encourage them to have their union blessed by the church, and; (4) occasional church goers, we encourage them to go at least every Sunday; (5) those whose children go to public schools, we encourage them to enroll and join the CFF program.

The Group continuously visits 52 families in a year. In January 2014, we celebrated our 10th year anniversary evangelizing families through devotional prayers.

We invite families to welcome the Divine Infant Jesus and Blessed Mother Mary into their homes. For more information please contact Fely Salgado at 916 395 8565 or 916 284 1214. or by email at ourveryown33038@aol.com