

Religious Education Opportunities

The success of our RE and sacramental preparation programs depends on the willingness of all parishioners to share time and talent. Please prayerfully consider the gifts/talents you have to share. Listed below are some of the areas in which volunteer opportunities are available. Check those that interest you. Please see the reverse side for description of the service needed. Thank you!

Name:

| SERVICE | RESPONSE |
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| catechist (teacher) | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, in grade: |
| substitute catechist | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, in grade: |
| catechist aide | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, in grade: |
| room parent | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, in grade: |
| middle school planning team | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| small group leader (for middle school gathering days) | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| middle school driver to service sites | |
| grade level Mass coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| Children's Liturgy of the Word | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| office assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, (day, time): |
| crossing guard (Mon. afternoon) | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| social justice coordinator (service activities) | <input type="checkbox"/> yes, in grade: |
| creative talents: | |
| baking | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| arts and crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| sewing | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| video/photography | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| music | <input type="checkbox"/> yes instrument: |
| drama | <input type="checkbox"/> yes |
| other | |
| any other way to help... | |

Ministry position descriptions:

- **Catechist**—adults and experienced teens who are responsible for preparing and teaching a lesson for each class session. There is a catechist edition of the text as well as materials and support from the RE office. Catechists are needed in every grade (teens are welcome to teach grades 1-4):
 - 1st and 2nd meet on Sunday morning from September to April
 - 3rd-5th meet Monday 3:30-4:45 PM from September to April
 - middle school meet for an intensive schedule in June
 - high school meet on Sunday & Monday evenings for 8 weeks, or at your convenience
- **substitute catechists** are needed to fill in when the catechist is absent
- **catechist aide**—adults and teens who can assist the catechist in the classroom
- **room parent**—adults and teens who can help the catechist, as needed, to make phone calls or provide extra assistance in and out of the classroom
- **middle school planning team**—adults and teens who are interested in planning and organizing the seasonal Gathering Days for middle school students
- **small group leader**—adults and teens who can facilitate conversation for a group of 6-8 middle school students at a Gathering Day
- **driver to sites of service**—on June 25, 26, 27 the students will be reporting to various local sites to help. We need adult licensed drivers to assist with transportation.
- **grade level mass coordinator**—someone willing to work with the grade level catechists and the DRE to plan and organize the annual liturgy that is part of the curriculum of each grade
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word**—adults and older teens who plan a 15-20 minute lectionary-based reading and homily for children during the 10:30 Mass. There are 2 leaders needed each week: one for 2nd -4th graders and another for 3 year olds-1st grade. The leader for younger children usually prepares a creative activity based on the readings. The commitment is usually for one Sunday in the month.
- **office assistant**—helper in the RE office during class times or as available during the week for general office work
- **crossing guard**—adult or older teen to assure safe crossing of Main Street before classes (3:10-3:40 PM) and after classes (4:30-5:00 PM) on Mondays
- **social justice coordinator**—someone willing to plan and organize service opportunities for classes, individuals, or families in our parish
- **creative talents**—at various times in the year your creative and artistic talents are needed to help make an activity, project, or program more successful!

The Office for Healing & Prevention of the Diocese of Worcester requires training of all staff and volunteers in the skills needed to assure a safe environment for all the children with whom we are in contact here at the church. We will be contacting you to attend a free 2-hour session that will help you to identify the safety needs of our parish family. You will also be asked to have a CORI background check. Thanks for your help!