

✠ St. Catherine of Siena Ministries

Serving the needs of our parish community through personal involvement 5/2/09

These ministries are volunteers serving parishioners and one another.

Please be generous with your time and talent as you inquire at today during Mass. Leaders will get you more information without obligation

Altar Servers are boys and girls second grade and older, who have the honor of assisting the priest during the celebration of the Eucharist. Serving as a cross bearer or an acolyte during the Mass are among their various responsibilities

Altar Society is a group of women divided into four teams who volunteer one hour per week to clean and straighten the church.

Bible Study Our two small groups meet on Tuesday mornings and Tuesday evenings. Opening God's word, learning, sharing, and praying, bring us to a greater awareness of God's love for us. St. Augustine tells us that ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of God. Join us and learn God's word, and how it will lift your life today. These small groups are the ideal counterpoint to our large parish community.

Boy/Cub Scouts offer informal educational programs for boys and young adults between the ages of 7 and 20. Scouting offers a time-tested set of activities that have produced fine citizens, strong family members, and community leaders for more than 90 years. St. Catherine's troops are responsible for a number of community service activities. The Scouts' annual pine straw sale helps fund their activities, which include crafts, camping and field trips and community service.

Bridge is played socially each month by couples and singles in home settings

Elizabeth Ministry-Brings meals to parishioners with new babies and pregnant mothers on bedrest.

Eucharistic Ministers are commissioned by the Parish upon completion of a training workshop. They bring the Body and Blood of Christ to the parish community at Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers for Homebound, Sick & Disabled bring the Body of Christ to the sick and disabled in hospitals and nursing homes and to our parishioners who are homebound due to disability or illness.

Faith Enrichment assists in the catechesis and transformation of our parish family on matters of faith, both through sacred scriptures and sacred tradition.

Finance Council is a consultative body, which advises the pastor on financial planning and fiscal management. It also ensures regular financial accountability to the entire parish. The council is composed of appointed members who have backgrounds in finance, accounting and law.

Hearing Impaired Ministry is dedicated to opening avenues for church involvement among the hearing impaired. Sunday Mass is signed for the hearing impaired. Training is offered.

Homeschool is a support group for sharing ideas, friendship and activities among families who are homeschooling their children.

Hispanic Ministry serves the needs of those Catholic Hispanic families by involvement in the Parish, English classes and serving as translators.

Knights of Columbus is an order of Catholic men dedicated to the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Membership is

available to Catholic men 18 years or older. The Knights also support various events for needy organizations and sponsor a seminarian with monthly donations.

Columbiettes are the women's auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus

Lectors receive initial training and ongoing support so that the Word of God is not merely read, but proclaimed in Mass. Men and women with strong voices and willingness to prepare and rehearse their reading before Mass are welcome. This is a beautiful ministry to grow in.

Ministry of Hospitality supports our parish theme of hospitality and oversees welcome programs for newcomers, including quarterly dinners, Sunday expressions of hospitality and welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with the dinners, outreach and to prepare mailings and welcome packages.

Music Ministries-We serve the core of our faith-the Mass. We have choirs for all ages spanning many styles from the traditional Latin chant to the Lifeteen's contemporary Catholic music. St. Catherine's Music Ministries include: Traditional Choir, Contemporary Choir, Preschool/Young Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Middle/High School Choir, LifeTeen Choir, Bell Choir, Children's Liturgy Choir, String Choir, Cantor Program.

Newsletter The parish newsletter is published quarterly, and is available to each registered parishioner. The effort is entirely volunteer, and a sample can be seen on the parish web site

Nursery operates on Sundays and is open to children age 9 months to 4 years old. Volunteers are welcome to assist in caring for the children.

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School serves students in grades K through eight. "United with Family, Faith Formation, Scholastic Excellence" are the goals of the educational program at St. Catherine's. Partnership with parents and members of our parish family is an important aspect of our school. Our vibrant Home and School Association Committees are supported by volunteers from among our school and parish families. St. Catherine of Siena is quoted as saying, "If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze". Having received a solid formation through life shared in community, academic studies and growth in faith, our students go back out into the world to share what they have received. As Eucharistic people, St. Catherine's is sent to engage the world and share Christ through witness and service to others.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) relies on hundred of volunteers to serve as teachers and aides or assistants to teach children and teens about our faith through classroom catechesis, prayer, liturgies, group activities and community service projects. Social gatherings are provided to middle and high school students. Classes are held on Wednesdays and Sundays. Elementary Classes run from August through May. Office helpers and volunteers are also needed to help with special activities throughout the year.

Perpetual Adoration
Have you ever loved someone so much that you want to be with that person at all times? Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament loves us so much that He waits day and night for us to come to Him and spend time with Him "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt.6:40)

Perpetual Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion in which members of a parish commit to spend one hour weekly in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament in order to make continuous hours of adoration during the day and throughout the night, seven days a week.

All are welcome to spend time with Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Catherine's Parochial Preschool provides a well rounded curriculum with a strong Catholic foundation for children ages 2 through 5 years. The preschool operates between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Curriculum includes science, music, movement, art, phonics, math, bible, weekly readers, playground, outdoor observation classroom, a preschool library and much more, all of this at a developmentally age appropriate level.

Pro-Life Ministry works for our parish to provide: educational formation, events to support pro-life organizations, and coordination of opportunities for prayer and participation in area pro-life events.

RCIA/Adult Enrichment provides information and instruction for those wishing to become Catholic, as well as those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, whether already Catholic or of other faiths. RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process in which adults are initiated into full communion with the Catholic Church. Two programs are run each year: fall and spring. Adult Enrichment consists of programs, presentations and workshops to assist parishioners with their understanding of and journey in the Catholic faith.

Respite Care volunteers provide temporary relief for primary

caregivers who are caring for elderly or mentally/physically challenged family members.

St. Vincent dePaul Conference provides our brothers and sisters in need assistance with money, food or clothing. There are many ways to participate in this social and spiritual ministry:

-Caseworkers are needed to help reach out and minister to those in need

-The food pantry needs volunteers to sort, stock and distribute food.

-The Thrift Store in downtown Kennesaw relies on volunteers such as clerks, cashiers, sorters as well as donations of clothes and small household good from the community. Monies raised from the Thrift Store help with assisting those in need through local churches

Transportation Ministry provides transportation for those who cannot transport themselves and who do not qualify for or who, for various reasons, cannot utilize public transportation.

Ushers assist at all Masses with greeting parishioners and visitors, seating, offertory collection, Communion assistance and any special needs.

The Wedding Guild welcomes the opportunity to assist in the preparation of weddings. Our goal is to explain Parish Guidelines to ensure a joyful celebration of marriage rich in tradition and reverence. Training provided for new consultants.