

St. Columban

Ministries and Activities

Altar Servers

Mary Beth Meyer 683-0105 ext. 2109 mbmeyer@stcolumban.org

This cherished opportunity is open to parish boys and girls, fifth grade or older. All candidates are required to attend a training session in the fall before serving and must be willing to serve when scheduled throughout the year or to find a substitute from the list of servers.

Annulment/Declaration of Nullity

Don Kruse 583-3995 dkruse@stcolumban.org

Many people find themselves in another relationship after they have been through a painful marriage and divorce. The nullity process is the Church's particular ministry to those who would like to re-marry in the Church, yet are not free to marry until a first union has been declared null by a Tribunal.

Athletic Boosters

Michelle Ripperger 254-8411 www.stcolumbansports.com

Sponsors athletic programs for all children in our parish in the following areas: boys and girls volleyball, basketball, cross country, tennis, golf and track; boys football and girls dance and cheer. For more information refer to the Booster website: www.stcolumbansports.com.

Babysitting/Nursery

Carrie Woodward ctishaus@hotmail.com

A co-operative program for children up to age three who are walking. It is provided during the 9:45 AM Sunday Mass.

Bereavement

Barb Aluotto 583-1501

Peggy French 683-4792

Gwen Hrovat 677-1678

Janet Juengling

Linda Poore 683-5638

Marilyn Sasson 697-6401

Fulfills a very important need during a painful time in the life of a family. People involved in this ministry assist those who are grieving in the planning and implementation of the funeral liturgy for their loved one.

Bread for Ministry to the Sick

Katie Warnecke 201-5409 warnecke24@hotmail.com

Provides mini-loaves of bread that communion distributors bring to the sick and shut-ins.

Building and Grounds

Patrick Leshner 683-0105 ext. 2121 plesher@stcolumban.org

Evaluates and coordinates the maintenance of the parish grounds and buildings.

CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish)

Mary Beth Meyer 683-0105 mbmeyer@stcolumban.org

Contributes to the spiritual growth of parishioners through personal conversion and fellowship. Weekends are held in the late winter at the parish facilities on separate weekends for men and women.

Church Cleaners/Martha Ministry

Lisa Pilon 677-9559 lisapilon@cs.com

Team members average two hours every three months cleaning the church and gathering space. Work usually takes place on Saturday mornings. We are always looking for more volunteers, either as individuals or as a family.

Coffee & Donuts

Mari Fadden 899-9692 marifadden@yahoo..com

A social gathering in the Parish Hall; typically the first Sunday of the month, after 8:00, 9:45, and 11:30 Masses.

Elementary Religious Education (ERE)

Terri Kerley 683-0105 ext. 2118 tkerley@stcolumban.org

Provides an opportunity to educate our children about our faith and help them as they continue on their faith journey. Religion classes for first through eighth grades are offered for those who attend schools that do not offer Catholic education. It is held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM-8:15 PM. Catechists are volunteers from our parish.

Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Beth Meyer..... 683-0105 ext. 2109 mbmeyer@stcolumban.org

Parishioners who have been baptized Roman Catholic, have made their First Communion, attend Sunday Mass and have a devotion to the Eucharist are welcome to distribute at Mass or to the sick and homebound. Training is held in the spring and the fall and once trained, ministers simply sign up before Mass in the Gathering Space.

Faith Formation**Adult**

Scott Mussari..... 683-0105 ext. 2116..... smussari@stcolumban.org

Provides programs to assist adults in furthering their baptismal commitment to follow Christ. Check the bulletin, parish website or call the Parish Office for current Faith Formation offerings.

Family Events

Terri Kerley..... 683-0105 ext. 2118..... tkerley@stcolumban.org

Provides opportunities for families to learn more about how to celebrate their Catholic faith through events like Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper and Advent wreath-making. Check the bulletin or parish website for upcoming events.

Men's Fellowship

Jim Rudol (Friday) 575-2586 jwrudol1@gmail.com

Men's Faith Sharing

Chuck Gibson (Saturday)..... 774-9238 chuckgibson@gmail.com

St. Columban's Friday Men's Fellowship may be for you. We meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 6:30am-7:30am. We follow the Sunday lectionary readings for the upcoming weekend so there is no program to follow; just time to reflect on God's word in fellowship. For more information, please contact Jim Rudol at jwrudol1@gmail.com.

Scripture Study

Scott Mussari..... 683-0105 ext. 2116 smussari@stcolumban.org

Adults meet in small groups to explore the Bible and how it speaks to us today.

Festival

Tim & Donna Burns..... 899-4090 tim.burns@roadrunner.com

Held each year on the weekend following Father's Day, the festival offers rides, games, food and entertainment for the entire family. It is a great way to serve the parish, make new friends, renew old friendships and have a good time. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Parish Office.

F.I.S.H. (Families Involved Serving Him)

Pam Brinks..... 583-5164 pbrinks@cinci.rr.com

Emily Moran..... 239-6412 emily.moran95@gmail.com

Provides opportunities for families to do service together. It is for children grades 1-8 and their parent(s). F.I.S.H. serves beyond our parish community to individuals and charities locally, nationally, and globally.

Fish Fry

Rorie Hais 677-0110 rorie9940@gmail.com

Fish Fry occurs every Friday from 5:00-8:00 PM in the Cafeteria during the Lenten season, excluding Good Friday, and is sponsored by the Boosters.

FOCCUS Ministry

Don Kruse 583-3995 dkruse@stcolumban.org

A marriage preparation program (FOCCUS) where married couples serve as mentors for those preparing for this lifelong commitment of mutual love and fidelity.

Grand Affair

Missy Zobrist 683-5255 thezcrew6@gmail.com

A fundraiser that benefits the parish. This event includes a formal dinner, dancing, Silent and Live auctions, a Jewelry Game and Balloon Pop. It is typically held in late February.

GriefShare

Parish Office 683-0105

GriefShare is a helping ministry staffed by trained volunteers from the parish. If you've lost someone close to you, the GriefShare seminar/support group is designed to help you on your journey from mourning to joy. GriefShare runs for 14 weeks twice a year (spring and fall). The program is a combination of video lessons, discussion and workbook. You are welcome to join at any time. Call the Parish Office to register.

HANDS (Hands Assisting Neighbors in Devoted Service)

Don Kruse (for needs) 583-3995 dkruse@stcolumban.org

Jim Miller (to join) 683-5550 jim@amillerfamily.com

Assists parishioners as well as the less fortunate in and around the Loveland area with light repair, various home repair projects such as: drywall repairs, electrical and plumbing repair/replacement, gutter cleaning, etc.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

IHN ihn@stcolumban.org

Marianne Hoekzema 683-4409 mehoekzema@gmail.com

Larry Kramer 502-3848 kramer4219@gmail.com

Chris Schell 677-8023 imgr8fl@gmail.com

IHN is a national organization. St. Columban participates by providing emergency housing for homeless families in the Greater Cincinnati Area. We provide the housing in our parish annex with meals, activities and hospitality for 1 week at a time three times per year. We partner with area churches and several organizations making this an ecumenical ministry. Interested folks please contact us for more information.

Intercession Writers

Scott Mussari 683-0105 ext. 2116 smussari@stcolumban.org

Prepares the intercessions for weekend and Holyday liturgies, writing them to include and reflect the needs of our parish community, as well as those of the world and Church.

Knights of Columbus

Phil Wentzel 575-5373 philwentzel@cinci.rr.com

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month.

Lectors

Mark Holly.....583-5313.....mholly@cinci.rr.com

These men and women proclaim the Word of God at Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Training takes place prior to being scheduled.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Scott Mussari..... 683-0105 ext. 2116.....smussari@stcolumban.org

Children in grades 1 to 5 are dismissed from 9:45 AM Mass to the Day Chapel, where they have their own age-appropriate celebration of the Word of God, parallel to the adult celebration in Church. They then return to the main church for the rest of the celebration of Mass.

Living Peace and Justice

Chris Schell677-8023..... imgr8fl@gmail.com

Strives to develop a culture of outreach and social justice within our parish and surrounding community by education and action, using Catholic Social Teaching as a guide. We join with the other parishes in the Archdiocesan Collaborative for a greater voice on particular issues. We promote the Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Offering of Letters (legislative advocacy) among other projects. We also promote Fair Trade and provide leadership for the Holy Thursday Soup Supper.

Manna for Many

Cathy Nagy 683-0105 ext. 2014..... cnagy@stcolumban.org

Provides luncheons in the Parish Hall after funerals as well as offering meal assistance to those who are sick or in need. The funeral lunch team is always in need of bakers as well as individuals to facilitate the lunch.

Marriage Encounter

Drew & Elaine Foster683-7465..... fosterek@cinci.rr.com

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. It is designed to give married couples the opportunity to examine their lives together...a time to share their feelings, their hopes, disappointments, joys and frustrations.

Marriage Matters

Scott Mussari..... 683-0105 ext. 2116.....smussari@stcolumban.org

Offers married couples several programs throughout the year that integrate our Catholic faith in relevant and enjoyable ways.

Ministry to the Sick/Homebound

Mary Beth Meyer..... 683-0105 ext. 2109..... mbmeyer@stcolumban.org

This ministry arranges visits to parishioners who are hospitalized and to shut-ins in their homes or nursing homes for Communion and prayer. Due to the HIPAA Law, hospitals are not permitted to notify the parish of your admittance. Please contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one has been hospitalized so that members of the pastoral staff can visit.

Moms Connection

Megan Bowers, Lori Black, Angie Stock.....scmomsconnection@hotmail.com

Provides opportunities for mothers to grow in faith, socialize, contribute to the community, and form friendships with other moms in our parish. Meetings, social events and service projects take place on Monday nights and Sunday afternoons from September through May.

Music Ministry

Mary Bellman..... 683-0105 ext. 2102.....mbellman@stcolumban.org

Parish Choir leads the in song of the assembly at the 9:45 AM liturgy and rehearses on Thursday evenings, September through June.

Cantors serve at weekend liturgies, proclaiming the Responsorial Psalm and leading sung acclamations. This ministry is open to all parishioners who have the necessary musical skills. It requires some individual preparation. An audition is required.

School Liturgy Choir and Handbell Choir are groups open to school students in grades 4-8. Each rehearses several times each month after school and participates in school liturgies.

Outreach

Mary Beth Meyer 683-0105 ext. 2109..... mbmeyer@stcolumban.org

Annual projects include, but are not limited to, a Back-to-School Backpack Drive, Christmas Giving Tree, and Habitat for Humanity.

Prayer Chain

Janet Zorko.....289-6946..... jszorko@iwmcfp.net

Responds to prayer requests via a group email. Those in the group without email receive phone calls.

Preschool Religion (Sunday)

Terri Kerley 683-0105 ext. 2118.....tkerley@stcolumban.org

Religion readiness classes for 3, 4, 5 year olds, kindergarteners and 1st graders are held during the 9:45 AM Sunday Mass each week from September to May. Registration takes place in August. Volunteer catechists teach the classes.

Primetimers

Phyllis Wene.....677-3570.....wenephyllis@gmail.com

Provides parishioners, 50 and older, an opportunity to meet on a monthly basis. Offers informational speakers, liturgical opportunities, card-playing and camaraderie. Day and extended trips are made available throughout the year.

PTA (Parents Together Again)

Terri Kerley 683-0105 ext. 2118.....tkerley@stcolumban.org

Provides fellowship and social activities for parents whose children are no longer in grade school such as the Boo Hoo Breakfast and Anniversary celebrations for 25 and 50 year marriage anniversaries. Volunteers are always needed to help and support new activities.

PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)

Sarah Thompson 706-4637sdink28@me.com

Open to all parents and teachers at our school. Its object is to provide cooperation between pastor, school administration, parents and teachers. Meetings are monthly from August to May.

Quilting for a Cause

Nancy Moore.....683-1833..... nan_moo@msn.com

Turns donated fabrics into quilts and other items as needed for use by charitable organizations. Meetings are monthly throughout the year.

Recycling/Green Team

Kevin Barrett.....697-0286..... krbps136@yahoo.com

Raises awareness about our responsibility of stewardship of God's earth. All church and school facilities have appropriate recycling bins.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children (RCIA)

Scott Mussari..... 683-0105 ext. 2116.....smussari@stcolumban.org

Members of the RCIA team walk the journey of faith with those entering the Catholic Church. Volunteers are involved as catechists, sponsors and hospitality ministers.

Sacristan

John McDonald683-3106
Prepares the church for liturgical celebration by keeping supplies and the sacristy in order.

Sacristy Volunteers

Mary Beth Meyer 683-0105 x 2109 mbmeyer@stcolumban.org

Coordinates a team of volunteers who care for the church linens.

St. Vincent de Paul

Art Bedel 315-2191 abedel@cinci.rr.com

Offers person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering (i.e. clothing, food, rent and utility payment assistance, etc.). To contact St. Vincent de Paul for assistance, call the confidential hotline 683-0105 ext. 2115.

Scouting

Offers after-school programs for boys and girls, Kindergarten through 18 years of age.

Daisy/Brownies/Girl Scouts

Julie Walulik 583-5312 dwalulik@cinci.rr.com

Tiger Cub/Cub Scouts/Webelos

Dom Ferreri 374-9199 dom@domnannie.com

Boy Scouts

Mark Wallach 697-6974 swallowach@cinci.rr.com

Starting Point Young Adult Ministry

Katelyn Viscomi 683-0105, ext. 2106 kviscomi@stcolumban.org

Erin Johnson 460-8255 emjohnson104@gmail.com

Provides opportunities for young adults in their 20s and 30s to connect with other young adults, young couples and young families of our parish. Planning meetings and Bible Book Club are held monthly. Social events and service/volunteer opportunities are offered year-round. Check the bulletin for upcoming events.

Stephen Ministry

Linda Corbett 200-9583 linda.corbett5@gmail.com

Provides confidential, Christ-centered care and support to persons experiencing grief, divorce, cancer, job loss, disability, loneliness, relocation and other life difficulties. To contact a Stephen Minister for assistance, call the confidential hotline 683-0105 ext. 2134.

Transportation Ministry

Mary Beth Meyer 683-0105 ext. 2109 mbmeyer@stcolumban.org

Volunteers provide transportation to appointments and other trips as needed for parishioners without vehicles. You must have a valid drivers license and access to your own vehicle to be on the volunteer roster. If you have a need for transportation please call the Parish Office.

Ushers and Greeters

Joe Bobbey 683-2042 jbobbeyjr@aol.com

Serve the parish community as ambassadors to create an open, spiritual and welcoming atmosphere as we, the Body of Christ, worship, educate and serve.

Vacation Bible School

Terri Kerley 683-0105 ext. 2118 tkerley@stcolumban.org

Every summer, in July, 3 year olds through 5th graders, along with adult and student helpers, spend a week with a specific theme which relates to several scripture stories and celebrates them in art, activities and song. Registration is on our website and opens after Easter.

Youth Ministry

Junior High

Tricia Gries.....697-7446.....tricia_gries@hotmail.com

Jannette Santamarina.....774-7402.....santapromo@cinci.rr.com

High School

Amy Maricocchi.....683-5275.....amaricocchi@cinci.rr.com

Vicente Santamarina.....774-7402.....vicsanta@me.com

Allows teens to explore their faith through three tenets: spiritual, service and social. A Youth Advisory Committee of adults guides the teens in preparing for each meeting.