St. Teresa of Avila Parish Ministries

All ministries are in need of volunteers. Consider becoming actively involved in your parish community.

Many hands make light work.

Name of Ministry	Description of Ministry and Amount of Commitment Required
Liturgical Ministries	*************************************
Eucharistic Ministers Eucharistic Ministers	Eucharistic Ministers distribute Holy Communion during Mass. Those seeking involvement in this ministry must have celebrated the sacraments of initiation, be of good moral character and should be prayerful individuals. Special training is required for this ministry. This ministry is mandated by the bishop for a three year term. Ministers are scheduled to distribute communion once or twice per month on average.
Minister of the Word	The Minister of the Word (Lector) must be willing to prepare for the scriptures to be proclaimed, be of good moral character, and speak clearly. Training is provided. Ministers of the Word are mandated by the bishop for a 3 year term. You will be scheduled to read once every 4 or 5 weeks. You may be called on to assist at special functions particularly during Christmas and Easter.
Commentator	The Commentator introduces the Mass, reads the petitions and gives direction throughout the Mass. Training is provided. The commentator is mandated by the bishop for a 3 year term. You will be scheduled to commentate once every 3 or 4 weeks. You may be called on to assist at special functions particularly during Christmas and Easter.
External Eucharistic Ministry to Seniors	Eucharistic Ministry to Seniors provides an opportunity for contact with parish members in our long term and residential care facilities by bringing Holy Communion to them. Training will be provided. Use of an automobile is necessary for this ministry.
5:00 p.m. Choir	The 5:00 p.m. Choir at St. Teresa of Avila is committed to leading the people of God at the Saturday evening Mass. Our focus is to lead this ministry using the <u>Catholic Book of Worship</u> . We practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. from the beginning of September to the end of May.
9:00 a.m. Choir	The 9:00 a.m. Choir leads the people in worship at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass. Our focus is to lead this ministry using the Glory and Praise and the Catholic Book of Worship We welcome new members who can sing and/or play an instrument. We practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
Funeral Choir	The Funeral Choir is a group of volunteers who sing at our funerals. We sing of faith and hope when it is most needed. Practices are one half hour before each Funeral Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word	Children from ages 4-7 years begin the celebration of the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass with their families. The presiding priest will invite these children to join parent leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children go to the seminar rooms with the leaders to "break open" God's Word (1 st Reading and Gospel of that Sunday). A program is provided. Children return with the leaders to be with their families for the rest of the Mass (Liturgy of the Eucharist).
Altar Servers	Boys and girls in grade three and up are eligible to be Altar servers. They assist the priest at Mass and have an indispensable role in helping to celebrate the liturgy with dignity and reverence. Training sessions are held.
Ministers of Hospitality	Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) greet parishioners and visitors, arrange seating, receive the Sunday offerings (collection), act as gift bearers, distribute the bulletins and assist parishioners with special needs.
Catechetical and Sacramental Preparation Ministries	**************************************
Confirmation Preparation	Young people in Grade 7 are invited to prayerfully consider this step in completion of their initiation into the community of faith. Adults assist in formation for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation by teaching the fundamental aspects of the Sacrament and participating in events with the young people. Sessions are once weekly February through to Confirmation. Some basic knowledge of our faith is required as well as a willingness to share in the discussions.
Sacramental Preparation for Children	We offer preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation (First Confession, Penance), Eucharist (First Holy Communion) usually for Grade 2 within the parish setting. Preparation sessions take place during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Parents are invited to help in the sessions. The Reconciliation preparation takes place in the fall and the First Communion preparation takes place in the spring.
Service Ministries	\$
Catholic Women's League	The Catholic Women's League is an active organization within our Parish Community that seeks to serve the needs of the parish and promote Social Justice and Spirituality with our community. A membership envelope can be found in your box of regular church envelopes for women ages 16 years or older. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month except for July & August when there are no meetings scheduled.
Knights of Columbus	The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization for men 18 years or older who are committed to the Christian ideals of family life. There is a general meeting on the third Thursday night of each month at St. Teresa of Avila Church. New members are welcome.
Pastoral Council	The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body whose role is to advise the Pastor on matters of pastoral and social issues concerning the Parish. The members of the Pastoral Council are mandated for a 2 year term. There are 7 regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year. New members are welcomed each June.

Faith Sharing and Spiritual Growth Opportunities	\$
Outreach Ministry	The Outreach Ministry is a hands on ministry. We visit parishioners who request it through the office and we follow the procedures set out in our Policy Document. We meet from time to time to share our experiences. We keep track of our visits and hand in that information to the Parish Office.
Prayer Network	This group is a committed network of individuals who receive prayer requests from parishioners and pray for those needs . The coordinator contacts each member of the network to make the request known and to encourage prayer for the intentions requested. This ministry can be done on your own time and at your own convenience. It is a tremendous spiritual benefit for our parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office if you have a prayer request.
Prayer Shawl Ministry	The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides prayerful support to someone who is going through difficult times. If you knit, crochet, or sew you can help with this ministry. There are monthly meetings on the third Tuesday from September to June – all are invited.
Sign Ministry ST. TERESA OF AVILA FEATURE 29 The POOR ONE CALLED AND THE LOOD EARD? 19	Members of the Sign Ministry change the outdoor sign each Monday to display the response to the psalm for the following weekend and to advertise important events happening in our Parish.