



HOW CAN I SERVE THE LORD?

CHURCH SERVICE NEWSLETTER

St. Charles Borromeo Church, Thibodaux, LA
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INTRODUCTION

Have you ever thought about offering your time or talents to Our Lord through the Church, but simply haven't found the right area of service that appeals to you, or fits in with your schedule or abilities? Is it more convenient for you to work on projects alone or with a family member or friend in your home rather than commit to the attendance of meetings or other church events? Here at St. Charles Borromeo, we have many wonderful organizations that we welcome you to be a part of and actively offer your service within.

However, we would like to offer *other* opportunities of service to you, either as an individual or as a family, that would greatly benefit our church parish and community.

ALL OF US ARE CALLED TO SERVE, FOR WE ARE ALL ONE BODY, THE CHURCH. Let us not feel excluded from our ability to offer our gifts to The Lord because we are not a member of a particular church organization or ministry. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide to our parishioners ideas of service opportunities, outside a particular group or ministry. Perhaps you are skilled in the area of cooking, art, computers, carpentry, sewing, crafts, etc. Maybe you have free time to make telephone calls, fold and stuff letters in envelopes, or wash tablecloths. Perhaps you are not able to undertake any of the projects suggested in this newsletter yourself, but you are willing to provide the necessary supplies for one or more projects, either by purchasing them, or by making a donation toward the cost.

Many wonderful project ideas are told to members of the office staff by our parishioners from time to time, yet there is only so much the staff can accomplish on its own. We are taking this opportunity, through this newsletter, to reach out to ALL members of our Church, and we also invite you to call upon your family members or friends who are inactive Catholics, not currently attending Mass. Perhaps they have a particular talent or ability they can offer that would be beneficial to the Church. Encourage them to serve the Lord in this way. Their offer of service may be a stepping stone that the Lord will use to bring them back to the Church. If you are interested in volunteering or at least attempting any of the ideas suggested in this newsletter, or if you have a service idea of your own that you would like to suggest or undertake, please contact the Administration Office at (985) 446-6663.

Thank you for taking the time to read this Introduction to what we hope will become a periodical Newsletter. Please ask the Lord to reveal to you any particular area of service that He is calling you to at this time. May God bless you and your family.



CARDS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

IDEA:

Homemade greeting cards made from white cardstock with a message of love from the Church typed on the inside. The front cover would be left blank or imprinted with an outline/color-sheet picture. CCD students would draw and /or color in the pictures on the front of the cards. The bottom front of the card could read, "Artwork done by a CCD Student of St. Charles Borromeo Church" The cards would be given to those on the weekly communion call list when they are visited on Fridays, or to nursing home residents from the parish.

Preferably, the volunteer would provide the cards and envelopes, prepared in final form, with only the artwork on the front cover left to be done by the CCD Students. This project could be done at your home, at your convenience, periodically throughout the year.



KEEPING OUR WEBSITE CURRENT

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Here's an idea of a church service that can be done from your home if you happen to be skilled in the area of computers and technology. It would be very helpful to the office staff if we had an individual who was willing to upload weekly bulletins, ministry schedules and other information to the website. Our website is a wonderful resource for our parishioners, but it is only useful if it is kept up to date. Due to other office responsibilities, work on the website must sometimes be put on the backburner, causing a delay in the uploading of documents. If you feel you can help in this area, please call the Administration Office.



COMPLETE ONLINE REGISTRATIONS & ORGANIZE PAPERWORK FOR YOUTH EVENTS

The parish is in need of someone to handle the online registrations, paperwork and payments for our youth attending the two main events that they participate in each year through the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux: Youth Rally and Steubenville on the Bayou.

NOTE: You would NOT have to attend the events, nor work with youth.

BE A GROUP LEADER at YOUTH RALLY or STEUBENVILLE

Perhaps you would consider serving as a Group Leader for YOUTH RALLY, a one-day event for youth in grades 8-12 sponsored by the Diocese Office of Youth Ministry, which is usually held on the NSU Campus on the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

Or, you may be willing to serve as a Group Leader for STEUBENVILLE on the BAYOU, and accompany a group of our youth on this weekend-long spiritual youth event held each year in June, usually at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center.

*Note: Safe Environment Training Required.

CREATIVE? LIKE TO DRAW OR PAINT?



Your talents would be put to good use for Vacation Bible School!

The sketching, painting and cutting out of props, banners and other VBS materials are always a large part of the preparation for this annual summer event in our parish. This year our VBS will be held the week of **July 15-19**, and our theme will be:

**Preserving the Mystery...
Keeping the Faith!**



Adult volunteers are also needed during the week of VBS to help with crafts, snacks, games, music, etc.

(Safe Environment Training Required)

BE A CCD TEACHER, TEACHER'S AIDE, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER OR MONITOR



Of course, one of the greatest volunteer services needed in our parish is involvement in our CCD

Program, for the education of the faith of our young people. Would you consider teaching a class of approximately 7-15, or serving as a teacher's aide, substitute teacher or monitor?

Classes are held on Monday nights from 6:00-7:15 from August to April. Can't commit for the entire year? Join with one or more willing volunteers and each teach for 6-8 week sessions, or join with someone and teach as a team.

TOUGH A LIFE = TEACH THE FAITH!

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