

# How can you share your Time & Talent?

## St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church: Ministries & Committees

You are encouraged to seek a spirit of connection to the St. Vincent de Paul Community. Find a "home" with the people of your parish through involvement. Share your gifts of time and talent as part of your journey to discipleship, as Jesus taught his disciples.

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# **Sacraments and Faith Formation**

## **Adult Religious Formation**

Contact: Jenni Vankat Director of Adult Formation - (402) 496.7988 or [vankatj@svdpomaha.org](mailto:vankatj@svdpomaha.org)

**Bible Study Facilitator** - Morning and evening studies are available to lead. Using a text, the facilitator guides conversations and serves as a resource for scriptural discussions/questions.

**Welcoming Catholics Home Facilitator** - Welcome people back to the Catholic Church through facilitating a short-term program geared toward baptized Catholics who have been away from the church for various life and theological reasons.

**Retreats/Days of Reflection** - An opportunity to share your gifts of creativity and spirituality and assist Adult Formation Director to develop parish retreats and days/evenings of reflection.

**Prayer/Small Faith Sharing Group Leader** - Volunteers are needed to lead small group discussions on the Sunday readings, spiritual books or other faith related resources.

**Parish Family Resource Library** - Help keep the library (located in the Family Room) organized by shelving books and assisting the Adult Formation Director promote books to parishioners.

**Mothers in Fellowship** - Serve as a leader for the ministry to mothers. This group meets weekly during the school year. Organize speakers and topics for the sessions.

**Men's Ministry: That Man Is You!** - Be part of the core team of men who help facilitate a men's faith formation held weekly at the parish. This formation group meets at 6:30 am Saturday downstairs in Hannemann Hall (cafeteria).

**Christian Family Movement (CFM)** - A national network of small groups of Catholics and their families. At St. Vincent de Paul, CFM groups are made up of 5-8 couples who meet monthly in each other's homes to discuss topics of importance to their marriages, families, church and community using a program book available from the CFM USA Office.

**Parents with Young Children (PYC)** - Serve as a leader for ministry to families. Monthly events are scheduled throughout the year.

**Young Adult Ministry Team** - A ministry of Catholic men and women in their 20's and 30's. This group meets regularly and members provide input for study topics, social events and service opportunities.

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

Contact: Parish Office - (402) 496.7988 or [parishoffice@svdpomaha.org](mailto:parishoffice@svdpomaha.org)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** - A parish-based process by which unbaptized persons and members of Christian Churches may be baptized or received into the Church at Easter. RCIA meets from 7:00-9:00 pm on Thursdays.

**RCIA Sponsor** - Each candidate will need a Catholic sponsor who attends all of the classes with the candidate. Classes begin after Labor Day.

## **Religious Formation for Children (Preschool through Grade 8)**

Contact: Vicki Smith, Director of Religious Formation - (402) 493.1642 or [smithv@svdpomaha.org](mailto:smithv@svdpomaha.org) or [www.svdpomaha.org](http://www.svdpomaha.org) and select *Religious Formation*.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Teacher)** - A Montessori approach to religious formation for children ages 3 to 7. The use of hands-on materials teach the Bible, Liturgy and religious formation.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Assistant)** - Assist the teacher with classroom management and activities.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (C.L.O.W.T.) Team (2-3 people)** - Each team member is given materials to prepare a reflection of the Sunday readings from materials provided. Training and age appropriate materials are provided for each team member. CLOWT begins after Labor Day and ends before Memorial Day.

**Catechist (Teacher) Grades 1 through 8** - Classes are held on Wednesday from 4:30-5:45 pm and 6:15-7:30 pm beginning in September and ending in April. In-services and training and all teaching materials are provided for teachers.

**Catechist (Co-Teacher)** - Assist the teacher with classroom management and activities.

**Sacramental Preparation Assistance** - Assist with preparations/sessions with 2nd, 7th and 8th graders and their families. Persons needed to review student sacrament forms in February and April.

**Summer Bible School Volunteers** - Vacation Bible School or Totus Tuus takes place in June. Volunteers are needed as teachers and to assist with games, set up/clean up and snacks.

**Office Help** - Volunteers are scheduled as your availability allows throughout the year; Monday-Friday.

**Hall Monitor** - Volunteers monitor halls during class times on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:45 pm and 6:15-7:30 pm.

**Traffic Helper** - Arrange and monitor the drop off and pick up of students attending Wednesday classes. Session times available to choose from: 4:30-5:45 pm and 6:15-7:30 pm.

## **Youth Ministry**

Contact: Steve Nespors, Director of Youth Ministry - (402) 493.1642 or [nespors@svdpomaha.org](mailto:nespors@svdpomaha.org)

**Adult Core Team** - Team will consist of adults, single or married, who are willing to be involved in relational ministry with the teens. This will involve helping plan Life Teen Nights and retreats, or being present and involved with various weekly activities. Although there are significant time commitments, this ministry should never supersede a Core Team member's primary vocation to family.

**Adult Event Chaperone** - Adult volunteers and parents are needed to chaperone the occasional events and activities for our high school students. Safe Environment Training is required, and we will assist you in getting the training. Fees for events are paid for by the youth ministry office. Volunteers are needed for High School and Middle School events.

**Parent Life** - Parents are the first teachers of the faith to their children. So we work in union with parents to provide an environment where young people's social, emotional, and spiritual growth is nurtured. The Parent Life group strives to present parents opportunities to not only draw closer to Christ but also to support youth ministry efforts in the parish.

**Teen Leaders** - Our youth core team leaders help develop program ideas, lead small group discussion on Life Nights and are often called upon to act as ambassadors at various gatherings.

**Intercessory Team** - This group prays for the youth ministry in the parish, both the adults and teens involved in our efforts.

**Service and Outreach** - Help coordinate service projects such as visits to the homeless shelter, mission trips, Food Fasts, and other service projects. We are looking for parents and adults who can assist with monthly, quarterly or annual service projects.

**Cooks & Food Servers** - Food will always be a huge part of youth ministry so we are always in need of volunteers and parents to cook. Individuals or families can sign up on a rotating basis to help cook and serve the simple meals on Life Nights or on retreats.

## **Liturgy and Music**

Contact: Kathy Mayer, Director of Worship - (402) 496.7988 or [mayerk@svdpomaha.org](mailto:mayerk@svdpomaha.org)

**Liturgy Board** - This board consists primarily of representatives from the committees that contribute to prayer and worship. The focus is to guide and direct the coordination and implementation of meaningful worship. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:00 pm.

**Altar Server** - Boys and girls 6th grade and older may serve as ministers at the Liturgy. They will assist the priest and deacon at the altar and carry the cross and candles in procession. Training is given yearly for interested candidates.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)** - Individuals who have been mandated by the Archdiocese of Omaha or their former dioceses are invited to become an EMHC at the parish. For new EMHCs the formal training session is held by the archdiocese in August. High School students who are juniors or seniors are welcome to become an EMHC.

**Reader** - Individuals who have been mandated by the Archdiocese of Omaha or their former dioceses are invited to become a reader at the parish. For new readers, the formal training session is held by the archdiocese in August. High school students who are juniors or seniors are welcome to become a reader.

**Funeral Ministry Team** - Adult parishioners provide ministry support for funeral Masses and wakes in one of the three areas; Hospitality/Greeter, Reader and/or EMHC.

**Gift Family** - Families are invited to bring forward the gifts during our Sunday liturgies.

**Hospitality and Usher Ministry** - Members of the hospitality ministry serve as greeters for our weekend Masses. Ushers help to seat people, gather the collection and assist in other liturgical needs during and after the Masses.

**Music Ministry** - Vocalists, instrumentalists and accompanists interested in becoming involved with the music at weekend liturgies.

**Adult Choir** - The choir practices at 7:30 pm on Wednesdays and sings for the first three Sunday Liturgies of the month at the 10:45 am Mass, Midnight Christmas Eve Mass, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass. The choir takes a break from Memorial Day until Labor Day.

**Children's Choir (Awesome Angels)** - Children in grades three through eight will practice on Wednesday afternoons from either 3:15 pm-4:00 pm or 4:00 pm-4:30 pm. The Children's Choir sings once per month during the school year at the 10:45 am Mass.

**Worship and Environment** - This committee has the responsibility of planning, arranging and preparing the liturgical setting to reflect the seasonal calendar.

**Candles and Pew Volunteers** - This group of parishioners is responsible for replacing and maintaining the votive candles and/or cleaning up the pews after the Masses.

**Sewing** - This group serves the parish by primarily making baptismal garments and doing the monthly lettering for each child. As needed, makes other items used in the worship space.

**Sacristy Laundry Care** - This group of volunteers washes and presses our precious linens (purificators and corporals) each week.

## **Social Concern and Outreach**

Contact: Jenni Vankat, Pastoral Minister - (402) 496.7988 or [vankatj@svdpomaha.org](mailto:vankatj@svdpomaha.org)

**Outreach Committee** - This committee functions to provide service, education and advocacy related to human needs both inside the parish boundaries and to the greater community. Meetings are held at 5:30 pm on the third Monday of the month.

**Dorothy Day (Parish) Garden** - 2009 was the inaugural year for the parish community vegetable garden. Produce is grown organically and given to Omaha agencies that distribute food to people in need. This project will allow us to practice good stewardship of the land and to share our bounty with others. Volunteers are needed to plant, water, weed and harvest during the months of May through September.

**Habitat for Humanity** - Our parish is a member of the Carpenter's Crew coalition with Omaha Habitat for Humanity. This coalition of 12 churches works together to build a Habitat home every fall. Volunteers ages 16 and older are needed to help with all aspects of building a house. No experience is necessary. Volunteers are also needed to help provide meals for workers during the build. Each year monetary and in-kind donations are solicited to help meet our parish commitment to the coalition.

**Respect Life Committee** - Dedicated to responding to Pope John Paul II's call in "The Gospel of Life" to respect, protect, love and serve life in our parish and our community through programs which support and promote respect for life.

**Women's Shelter Cook** - Volunteers prepare or purchase and deliver to the Drop-off House one part of a Sunday meal to be served at the Women's Shelter. Typically you would be responsible for cooking one or two items approximately once every four months.

**Women's Shelter Drop-off House** - Volunteer to be the drop-off house for the food items prepared by the cooks and deliver the meal to the Shelter by 5:00 pm on Sunday. This would occur approximately once every four months.

**Guatemala Mission IXIM Initiative** - This parish and archdiocesan group coordinates parish support, mission education and outreach to the country of Guatemala. This includes mission trips to Guatemala, raising funds, collecting needed items and coordinating medical personnel to volunteer.

**Ministry of Public Life (OTOC)** - This committee helps St. Vincent de Paul parishioners become involved with other churches in the Omaha area in shaping decisions made about social justice issues that affect our lives.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** - A small group of parishioners meet monthly and engage in person-to-person service for those in need when called upon by the Pastor and/or a Pastoral Minister. Serve in outreach primarily for crises situations. Volunteers for this ministry are required to view the "BE SMART-DRIVE SAFE" video which can be found at [www.in2vate.com/catholicmutualse](http://www.in2vate.com/catholicmutualse).

**One Can Help Food Collection Volunteers** - Volunteers are needed to distribute grocery bags on the 2nd weekend of the month. On the 3rd weekend starting about 11:45 am volunteers help carry filled bags to the designated area, load vehicles and transport bags to a food pantry. Volunteers for this ministry are required to view the "BE SMART-DRIVE SAFE" video which can be found at [www.in2vate.com/catholicmutualse](http://www.in2vate.com/catholicmutualse).

**Christmas Giving Program Volunteers** - Volunteers are needed to assist the coordinators to organize this annual holiday drive where parishioners sign up to provide new clothing, toys and/or food gift certificates for families in need throughout the Omaha area. Assist before and after one Mass at one of the two sign-up weekends in early November, assist with "Drop off Night" and delivery day in early December.

**St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day Activities** - Volunteers are needed to assist with our annual Community Service Day project that is held on a Sunday afternoon in September. Help is also needed to prepare for the Spirit of St. Vincent de Paul award presentation in September.

**Trivia Night Fundraiser Committee** - Many volunteers are needed for this fun evening to prepare the questions, set up, gather raffle prizes and more. This event is typically held on the last Saturday in January. The money raised from this event is used to fund our Outreach Program.

## **Ministry of Care**

Contacts: Wendy Everson, Pastoral Minister - (402) 496.7988 or email: [eversonw@svdpomaha.org](mailto:eversonw@svdpomaha.org) or Jenni Vankat, Pastoral Minister - (402) 496.7988 or email: [vankatj@svdpomaha.org](mailto:vankatj@svdpomaha.org)

**EMHC to Homebound** - Volunteers who are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) provide the Eucharist to parishioners who are homebound. Volunteers for this ministry are required to view the "BE SMART-DRIVE SAFE" video which can be found at [www.in2vate.com/catholicmutualse](http://www.in2vate.com/catholicmutualse).

**EMHC to Hospital** - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are needed to take communion to Immanuel Hospital one Saturday of the month. Volunteers for this ministry are required to view the "BE SMART-DRIVE SAFE" video which can be found at [www.in2vate.com/catholicmutualse](http://www.in2vate.com/catholicmutualse).

**Bereavement Companion** - Provide support to parish members during the first year of grief.

**Helping Hands Meals** - Volunteers provide and bring meals to parishioners in an immediate crisis or emergency situation. You will be contacted a couple of times during the year.

**Funeral Lunch Servers** - Parishioners available daytime hours on short notice work a three-hour shift on food line, preparation or clean-up to serve grieving families.

**Funeral Lunch Cooks** - Individuals are needed to prepare desserts or other dishes to serve at funeral lunches.

**Meals for the Priests** - Cook and deliver a meal on a weekday for our priests. You will be scheduled to cook a few times each year.

**Welcome Ministry Team** - Parishioners welcome new members to our parish by assisting with the *Parishioner Orientation Gatherings* to provide parish information.

**Parishioner Orientation Preparation** - Volunteers provide refreshments for the *Parishioner Orientation Gathering* once or twice during the year.



## **Spiritual Growth**

Contact: Parish Office - (402) 496.7988 or [parishoffice@svdpomaha.org](mailto:parishoffice@svdpomaha.org)

**Ministry of Praise** - A spiritual ministry group in which prayer is offered for the world and especially for our parish needs. This ministry is open to the handicapped, homebound, and senior citizens of our parish.

**Perpetual Adoration** - Perpetual Adoration is a Eucharistic devotion whereby members of our Parish would unite in committing to one hour of adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament, both during the day and throughout the night, seven days a week. Parishioners are welcome to sign up for this special prayer opportunity. For more information or to sign up for an hour contact Kathy Mayer at [mayerk@svdpomaha.com](mailto:mayerk@svdpomaha.com) or Dede Salerno at [salerno@cox.net](mailto:salerno@cox.net).

**Prayer Line** - This group of parishioners provides a daily prayer ministry for needs and petitions of parishioners, family and friends. Please call the parish office with prayer requests or to become a part of the prayer line.

**Saturday Morning Rosary** - Small group meets every Saturday morning at 10:00 am in the Lady Chapel or Family Room to pray the rosary.

**Parsons House Rosary** - Lead the rosary with the residents every Thursday at 2:00 pm in the chapel at the assisted living center.

**Communion Service Leader** - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are needed to lead Communion services at area retirement communities. Communion Service Leaders lead prayers, readings and distribute Communion once a month. Training is provided. Volunteers must already be mandated as an EMHC to serve in this ministry. See the "Liturgy and Music" section of this guide for information on becoming an EMHC.

**Welcome Your Child Facilitator** - This ministry to parents begins before the baptism of the infant. Help couples form bonds with other parents, raise an awareness of how babies change the intimate relationship, enrich the spirituality of the parent/child relationship and connect them to the parish in a significant way. Facilitator couples are trained as needed and lead two sessions per year.

**Women of the Well** - This group of women meet every Tuesday morning from 7:15-8:00 am in the Family Room for prayer, faith-filled discussion and fellowship.

**Vocations Committee** - This group works to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life within our parish.

## **Leadership Committees**

Contact: Parish Office - (402) 496.7988 or [parishoffice@svdpomaha.org](mailto:parishoffice@svdpomaha.org)

**Pastoral Council** - This policy forming board advises the pastor and consists of nine members. Parishioners may apply for membership in February and will be contacted by the Selection Committee. The Pastoral Council meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

**School Board** - This body is responsible for policy formation for the 5-day school program. Parishioners may apply for membership in February and will be contacted by the Selection Committee. The School Board meets the first Tuesday of the month.

**Finance Committee** - An advisory committee for the Pastor that works closely with the Parish Accountant, Pastoral Council and Development Committee regarding the parish finances. Members are appointed by the Pastor. The Finance Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

**Development Committee** - This committee focuses on stewardship and development in our parish, with an emphasis on facilitating the time, talent and treasures our parishioners give to St. Vincent de Paul. Members are appointed by the Pastor. This committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month.

**Endowment Committee** - This committee meets once per year to oversee, build and promote the Educational Endowment and the Parish Endowment and the disbursement of its assets. Members are appointed by the Pastor.

## **Parish Groups and Organizations**

Contact: Wendy Everson, Pastoral Minister - (402) 496.7988 [eversonw@svdpomaha.org](mailto:eversonw@svdpomaha.org)

**Silver and Golds** - Senior Adults (65 yrs old +) meet monthly for activities. Some individuals meet in the St. Louise Room for coffee and conversation every Tuesday after the 8:15 am Mass. Other gatherings and special events are announced in the bulletin.

**Women/Couples Guild** - The Guilds provide the parish with activities that will build community and fellowship. These activities include, Donut/Fellowship Sundays, preparing funeral lunches & more. Members meet monthly in small groups (circles) and plan an annual service project for its members. Each circle is designed to meet the needs of its members with day or evening meeting times.

**Knights of Columbus** - The Council of St. Vincent de Paul meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the St. Vincent Room. This is a men's service organization that sponsors a wide variety of parish activities.

**Men's Club** - This group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at Ragazzi's (15475 Ruggles Street, Omaha). Meetings are both formal and social in nature. The primary mission is to raise funds to support youth sports programs, fellowship and outreach to organizations within the Archdiocese of Omaha.

**Crafters for Charity** - Parishioners and friends gather in fellowship to sew, knit, crochet, quilt, etc. and items are given to charities. This group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the St. Vincent Room.

**Book Club** - This group meets on the 4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the parish Family Room. A variety of books are read.

**Boy Scouts** - St. Vincent has a Boys Scout Troop. Adult volunteers help with the scouts.

**Cub/Tiger Scouts** - St. Vincent is the charter organization for Cub Scout Pack 99. Cub Scouts is for boys in grades 1 through 5. Adult volunteers are needed to help with the scouts.

**Girl & Daisy Scouts** - St. Vincent has troops available for girls in both the Girl Scouts and Daisy Scouts. Adult volunteers are needed to help with the scouts.

**Baseball** - Registration is held in September. Season runs from mid-April until approximately mid-July for 7th and 8th grade students. Tryouts will be held if necessary. Adult volunteers are needed to help coach.

**Basketball** - Both boys and girls basketball teams for grades 5 through 8 compete during the winter months. Adult volunteers are needed to help coach.

**Football** - St. Vincent de Paul has both junior varsity and varsity football teams which will compete in a Catholic football league. These teams are open to all boys in 7th and 8th grade. Adult volunteers are needed to help coach.

**Micro Soccer** - This is a recreational soccer league for children ages 4, 5 & 6. Games are played on Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Adult volunteers are needed to help coach.

**Soccer** - Soccer teams for boys and girls under the age of 14 will compete in the Catholic Youth Soccer League (CYSL). There are fall (August-October) and spring (March-May) seasons.

**Track** - Competitive track teams for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and girls are formed to compete during the spring season. Adult volunteers are needed to help coach and assist at the track meets.

**Volleyball** - Girls volleyball teams are formed for grades 5th through 8th and will compete from August to October. Adult volunteers are needed to help coach.

## **Facilities**

Contact: Deacon Bob McClellan, Director of Operations - (402) 496.7988 or [mcclellanb@svdpomaha.org](mailto:mcclellanb@svdpomaha.org)

**Adopt-A-Room Summer Cleaning** - These individuals or families volunteer to clean one room in the facility from top to bottom. This usually requires 2-3 hours on one day or evening of their choice during June. Supplies are provided.

**Courtyard Plant Care** - Volunteers are responsible for watering the plants in and around the courtyard 4 or 5 times during the summer and fall months. They also sweep or wash off the courtyard as necessary.

**Flower Beds Care** - Pick one of our flower beds at the church or rectory for your personal care. "Green Thumbs" welcome. Choose your time to work, as often as you see fit. Includes planting, trimming and of course weeding.

**Courtyard Snow Removal (Weekend)** - Volunteers work with other team members to ensure snow is removed from the courtyard prior to weekend events and Masses.

**Heavenly Dusters Church Cleaners** - This group of volunteers is responsible for cleaning the church on a weekly basis. This is done in teams with each team responsible for one cleaning per month. Cleaning takes about 1½-2 hours.

**Mowing Team** - Crews mow the grounds over the months of April-October. Typically you would be asked to mow every 6-8 weeks. Mowing takes about 2-3 hours.

## **St. Vincent de Paul School**

Contact: Dr. Barb Marchese, Principal  
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