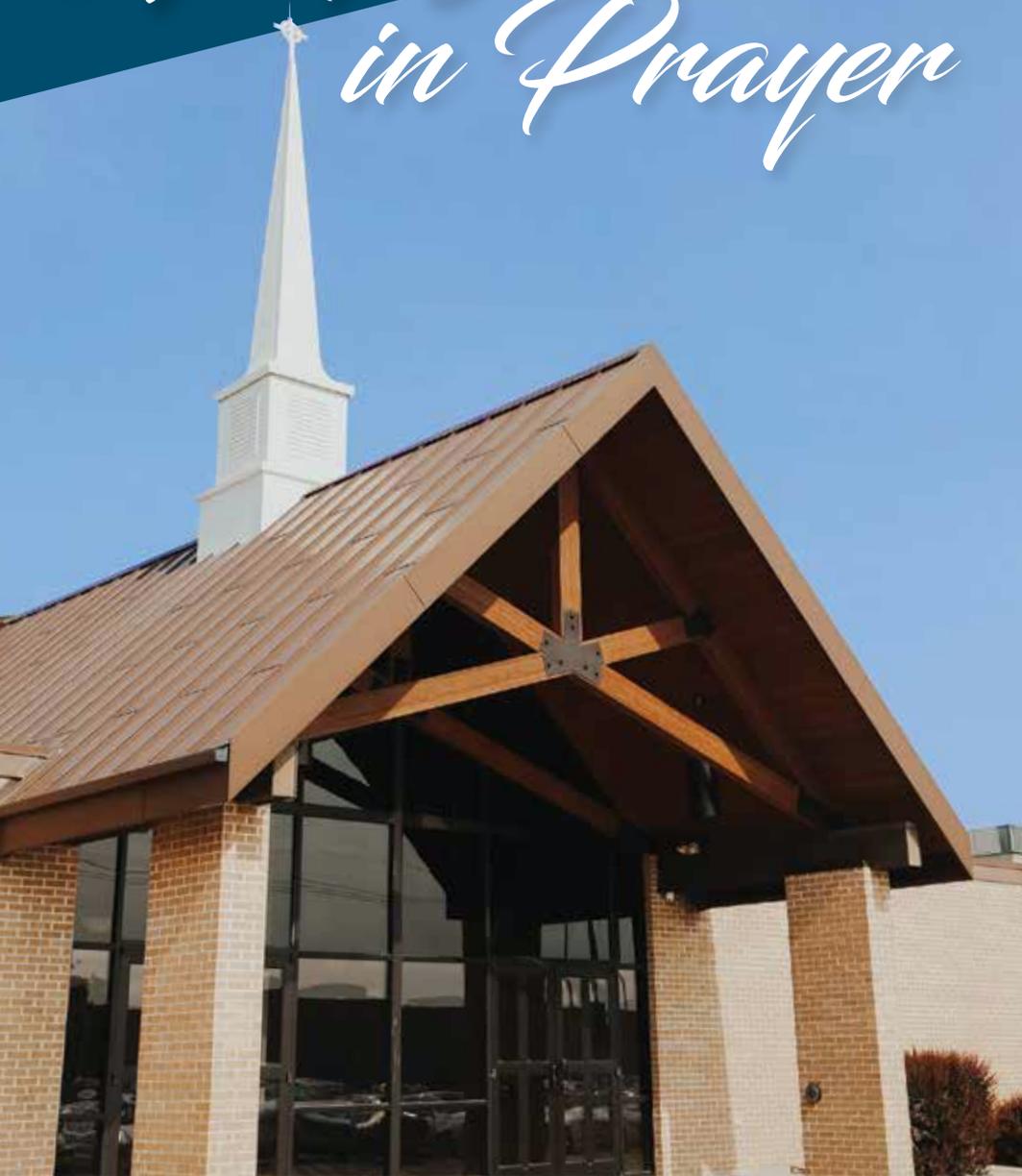


2020 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

*Lift Up Your Hearts
in Prayer*



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOLLOWING CHRIST'S INVITATION

to Pray

“When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, ‘So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?’” (Matthew 26:40). We know from Scripture that even when Jesus invited individual apostles to go aside and pray with Him, they had difficulty concentrating. Today, it is still difficult to be a prayerful person, but Christ’s invitation is just as persistent. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* puts it, “prayer and the Christian life are inseparable” (CCC, 2745). During our Stewardship Renewal, how can you re-commit yourself to spend time with Christ in prayer?



STEWARDSHIP OF *Time*

PRAYER: A REGULAR COMMITMENT

Our spiritual journey requires a regular commitment to prayer. We all seem to be so busy getting things “done” that we often neglect the most important things — spending time forming and growing our relationship with God. In the story of Mary and her sister, Martha, from Luke chapter 10, we are reminded that spending time with God must come first. In opening their home to Jesus, Martha spent the day running around the house preparing dinner and making other arrangements for His comfort and enjoyment, while Mary sat at Jesus’ feet and listened to Him. When Martha complained to Jesus that Mary wasn’t helping, He replied, “You are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her” (Luke 10:41-42).



FOR REFLECTION...

- When and how can you spend time in uninterrupted prayer? Pope Francis’ encouragement is to start by taking 10 minutes each morning to read the daily Scripture, found at usccb.org/bible/readings. We may also use Catholic phone and tablet apps, such as iBreviary, Divine Office, or Evangelizo, thanking Him for the good and asking for help with the challenges.
- Will you try using a new type of prayer? Meditation, praise, reading the Bible, or reciting the Rosary? Why type of prayer best unites you with God?
- How can you pray regularly with your children? Consider praying with your children each night before bed, giving each family member an opportunity to pray for something and concluding with an Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be.

STEWARDSHIP OF *Talent*

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR ROLE

When St. Paul writes about the Body of Christ, his main point is that every baptized person has a special role to play in the Church. Every one of us is needed for the Church to flourish, each with their own personality, skill set and gifts. This means that without your personal involvement, Christ's Church isn't complete! But how do you discover what role to play?

You have a unique set of gifts that you've been given — use them to serve! Consider using our Ministry Catalog to find a ministry in which you can utilize your talents. You can make a difference! And as you begin to serve, trust that God will bless you in abundance for every bit that you give to others.

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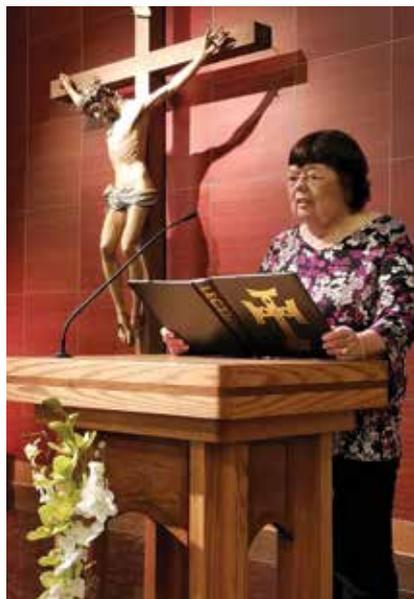
- Pray and ask God to show you your personal gifts and how best to use them.
- Get involved in a service ministry at our parish that stretches you to be more selfless.
- Pray for our ministries, our parish leaders, and all parishioners, asking the Holy Spirit to guide our parish community.
- No matter what ministry or group you are involved with, always begin and end your meetings or activities by praying with one another.



STEWARDSHIP OF *Treasure*

PRACTICING FINANCIAL DISCIPLINE

It's no accident that the fruit of our labor, the offertory, is offered at the same time as the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine. In the same way that the bread and wine are "the work of human hands," in modern society, money represents the result of our work. Our financial gift, then, is a gift of ourselves to God. God accepts our bread and wine, transforms them, and gives them back to us to convey His grace. In a similar way, God accepts our money and transforms it through the work of His Church on earth.



Our parish invites each family to give to God through the offertory in accordance with the scriptural tithe, which literally means 10% of one's harvest or income. We give a percentage of our income to God because it is a standard that has been honored since the early Church (see 1 Cor 9:13-14, 2 Cor 9:6-10, and Mt 10:10), but we can only do this when we are good stewards of the remaining 90%. What percentage of your life are you currently giving to God? Will you be willing to give Him 100 percent of your heart?

FOR REFLECTION...

- Consider your current gift to God. Does it reflect a percentage of your income?
- Can you work towards giving the scriptural tithe by increasing your annual offertory gift by 1% or 2% each year?
- Does your spending on entertainment, fast food or casual shopping prevent you from giving according to the scriptural tithe?

2020 MINISTRY

Listings

FAITH FORMATION

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Adult enrichment programs are offered to enrich the faith life of the parish. These programs are scheduled several times a year.

Contact: Sr. Bernadette Engelhaupt, 308-384-0532, ext. 202

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which a person becomes a Catholic. Volunteers lead others in this journey into the life of the Church through education, experience, prayer, and liturgical celebrations. Normally, it begins in the fall and peaks with initiation at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Anyone is welcome to come to the RCIA program, although it is primarily for people who are “inquiring” about the Catholic Church.

Contact: Deb Wetzel, 308-395-8521

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Volunteer catechists lead children ages 3 through sixth grade in a Liturgy of the Word for Children, which includes prayer and activity at the 10:00 Mass several times a month.

Contact: Deb Wetzel, 308-395-8521

RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM

Blessed Sacrament’s Religious Formation Program strives to present the gift of faith and the beliefs of the Catholic Church to the young people of our parish. We offer sacramental preparation for First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation. Preschool through middle school groups meet on Wednesday evenings.

Contact: Deb Wetzel, 308-395-8521

GODPARENT PROGRAMS

The high school religious formation program called the Godparent Youth Group aims to help our youth learn how to apply Christian principles and incorporate Jesus’ teachings into their daily lives. The program includes theological content, practical application to life, social activities, and prayer. The sponsors stay with the group for their high school years. The groups meet at the Church on Wednesday evenings.

Contact: Deb Wetzel, 308-395-8521

PASTORAL CARE

BEFRIENDER MINISTRIES

BeFriender Ministries provide a trained person to help you find your own inner wisdom as they listen and talk with you. They are especially helpful as you navigate through a

difficult time in your life such as the death of a loved one, moving yourself or a loved one into a care center, a serious illness, or even dealing with a teenager or new baby. Training is provided to those interested in becoming a BeFriender Minister.
Contact: Sr. Bernadette Engelhaupt, 308-384-0532, ext. 202

VISITING HOMEBOUND

Parishioners minister to members of our parish community who are unable to attend Mass due to illness and advanced age. They bring Holy Communion, pray with them, and spend time visiting.
Contact: Fr. Marty Egging, 308-384-0532, ext. 206, (via cell phone) 308-249-0009; Sr. Bernadette Engelhaupt, 308-384-0532, ext. 202

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Funeral Dinners — As a service to the family who is grieving, our parish provides a dinner immediately following the funeral service. Often these luncheons can be quite large, so many volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal.
Contact: Parish Office/ Teri Puncochar, 308-384-0532



LITURGICAL

Contact for all liturgical ministries is Barb Klein 308-384-0532, ext. 205, unless otherwise listed.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

The primary role of the hospitality minister is to greet and welcome the community to Mass. They also find someone to take up the gifts, take up the collection, ensure timely order at Communion, facilitate response to any emergency that may arise, distribute bulletins after Mass, and take a few minutes to straighten up the Church before the next Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar servers lead the solemn procession and recession, help with the preparation of the gifts, and attend to any special needs in the celebration. Altar servers range in age from fourth grade to Confirmation and beyond, including adults.

LECTORS

Lectors proclaim the Scripture, carry the Book of the Gospels reverently in the procession, and lead the Prayers of the Faithful.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

These Ministers make it possible for the Communion Rite to take place in a more reasonable amount of time. Responsibilities include helping with the distribution of Communion at Mass, taking Communion to shut-ins, cleansing and purifying the vessels after the liturgy, and preparing the vessels for the next liturgy.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir — The Adult Choir leads the music at the 10 a.m. Sunday Masses throughout the year.

Young Adult Choir — We are looking to develop a young Adult Choir with members between the ages of 20 and 40 who would sing regularly at one of the weekend Masses.

Children's Choir — is open to all young people in second through eighth grades. They sing at the 10 a.m. Easter Mass with two practices following the 10 a.m. Mass two weeks prior to singing.

Guitar Group — leads the singing at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on the first and third Saturdays throughout the year. Instrumentalists and singers are welcome and encouraged to join.

Handbell Choir — is open to our faith community for ages 12-80+. Some musical knowledge is helpful, but not necessary to play handbells. They play for Masses at Christmas and Easter.

Resurrection (Funeral) Choir — Members of the adult choir and other volunteers are invited to share their gift of music by singing for funerals.

AUDIO TECHNICIANS

Audio technicians operate the sound board for various celebrations, including all weekend and Holy Day Masses, funerals and weddings.

SANITIZING MINISTRY

Keeping the worship space sanitary during times of pandemic is imperative. Persons are needed to sanitize pews, door handles, bathrooms after each Mass.

CHURCH DÉCOR

To enhance liturgical celebrations, our worship space is decorated in a way that reflects the liturgical season. Volunteers with artistic or interior design skills plan the décor and those with physical ability decorate the space are needed.

VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Video technicians operate the video technology for livestreaming Masses and other liturgical celebrations.

HOSPITALITY/ OUTREACH

COFFEE AND ROLLS

Coffee and Rolls are served each Sunday after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. Volunteers set up and serve.

*Contact: Parish Office/
Teri Puncocar, 308-384-0532*

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

The Parish Nurse Program focuses not only on a healing ministry to the ill, but also on wellness and well-being of mind, body and spirit. The Parish Nurse enlists the help of other professionals to provide Blood Pressure Clinics, evaluations of medications and information about medications. She also provides education related to body, mind and spirit wellness. The nurse works in collaboration with the pastor and parish staff to provide support and care for the parishioners.

*Contact: Mary Anne Hinchey, R.N.,
308-384-0532, ext. 211*

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Members visit people who register in the parish to welcome them and to give them a gift bag that contains information about the parish, a table topper made by the parish quilters, and a parish cookbook.

Contact: Sr. Bernadette Engelhaupt, 308-384-0532 ext. 202

PARISH THRIFT STORE

The Thrift Store has a decidedly Christian mission of providing useable, quality clothes, furniture, appliances, electronics, books, toys, etc., at an affordable price. The Thrift Store, thereby, provides a way to recycle merchandise and helps families provide for themselves with dignity. It is located at 4th St. and Eddy St. in Grand Island and operates Monday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. All merchandise at the Thrift Store is donated, and the funds derived from resale help fund parish ministries and outreach programs. The Thrift Store is always in need of volunteers.

Contact: Judy Foster or Sue Moss, 308-398-3443

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Working with people from all walks of life, Habitat for Humanity builds homes for the working poor. Volunteer work can be as little as one hour a month or a full eight-hour day.

*Contact: Julie Markvicka, 402-440-5254;
Marty Markvicka 308-390-3988
or mjmarkvicka@gmail.com*

OTHER

COURT YARD GARDENING

The courtyard is maintained by volunteers with many ornamental bushes and flowers to assist any person in prayer. Volunteers are needed throughout the year to do general gardening.

Contact: Deb Kobza, 402-200-0774

MAINTENANCE MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed to help with the maintenance of the parish property including lawns, buildings and the equipment.

Contact: Scott Hiatt, 308-379-9666

GROUP

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principles of faith through love in the promotion of: justice, equality, the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all. Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, its members are united by their faith in Jesus Christ, in their devotion to the Church and the Holy See.

Contact: Mary Phelan, 308-382-0311

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization that was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare and service to the Church, country and fellow men.

Contact: Mike Jarosz, 308-379-9791

MEN'S EARLY MORNING GROUP

Men meet on Tuesday mornings at 6:30 and read a book together pausing and discussing when something resonates with a participant. It is safe place to share.
Contact: Greg Rempe, 308-390-4028

PRAYER

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer — prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. The Centering Prayer group gathers on the first Monday of the month for two 20-minute times of centering prayer followed by a time of sharing. The third Monday of the month, the group views or listens to a presentation on centering prayer followed by discussion and sharing.
Contact: Dee Brabander, 308-380-7217

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Charismatic Prayer Group is a gathering of parishioners and others for the purpose of praise and worship of our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The weekly meetings consist of prayer, song, and Scripture sharing with Mass once a month.
Contact: Dean and Anita Graf, 308-384-8855

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Adoration begins after the noon Mass and ends with Benediction at 5 p.m.
Contact: Parish Office, 308-384-0532

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

FALL FEST

The Fall Fest is an annual parish festival where there is fun and food for everyone in the parish and community. It is solely run by parish volunteers and we have dinner, games for the children, and raffles for all. Volunteers, in abundance, are needed to assist in this one event.
Contact: Teri Puncochar, 308-384-0532, ext. 201, teripuncochar@gmail.com; Fr. Martin Egging, 308-384-0532, ext. 206, martyegging@hotmail.com

PRIME TIME GROUP

The Prime Time Group (50+) offers an opportunity for our senior citizens to share some time together. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month for 12:05 p.m. Mass, followed by a home-cooked dinner and a program of education or entertainment. A freewill offering is taken to help defray costs. Volunteers prepare the meal and decorate the Jubilee Center.
Contact: Sr. Bernadette Engelhaupt, 308-384-0532, ext. 202

QUILTING GROUP

This group hand quilts the raffle quilt for Fall Fest and does hand quilting for individuals. No experience is necessary to join. We will teach you.
Contact: JoAnn Sok, 308-382-8101

WOMEN'S SPRING-A-LING

An evening for women beginning with a light supper followed by an inspirational speaker. Committee members plan the event.

Contact: Sr. Bernadette Engelhaupt, 308-384-0532, ext. 202

SCHOOL MINISTRIES

BLESSED SACRAMENT PRESCHOOL

Mission: Parents and guardians are the first educators of their children. The mission of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Preschool is to support and enable parents and guardians to carry out this most important task. We believe an atmosphere of learning that fosters the development of the whole child is greatly enhanced by an environment of Catholic Christian morality and spiritual values. During the first years of a child's life, his/her potential can be positively influenced by establishing a strong foundation. We pledge excellence in promoting the development of this foundation of both learning skills and spiritual development. Volunteers and grandparents in all preschool classes are always welcome.

Contact: Barb Seier, Director, 308-384-2086

CENTRAL CATHOLIC MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

We dedicate ourselves to producing well-rounded individuals who will become strong community leaders of tomorrow. We offer a Catholic faith-based education and welcome students of all faiths to join us.

GICC is committed to excellence in academic achievement, Christian values formation, athletics, fine arts, and community service.

Contact: Parish Representative Rob Czaplowski, 308-370-1372; Mr. Jordan Engle, Principal, 308-384-2440

PARISH COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

The positions on these councils are either elected or appointed, but it is helpful to know who might be interested in them.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Works with the Pastor for the financial well-being of the parish. These members include the two trustees of the parish and others at the invitation of the Pastor.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

This council is advisory to the pastor and looks at the total welfare of the parish. Members are elected.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

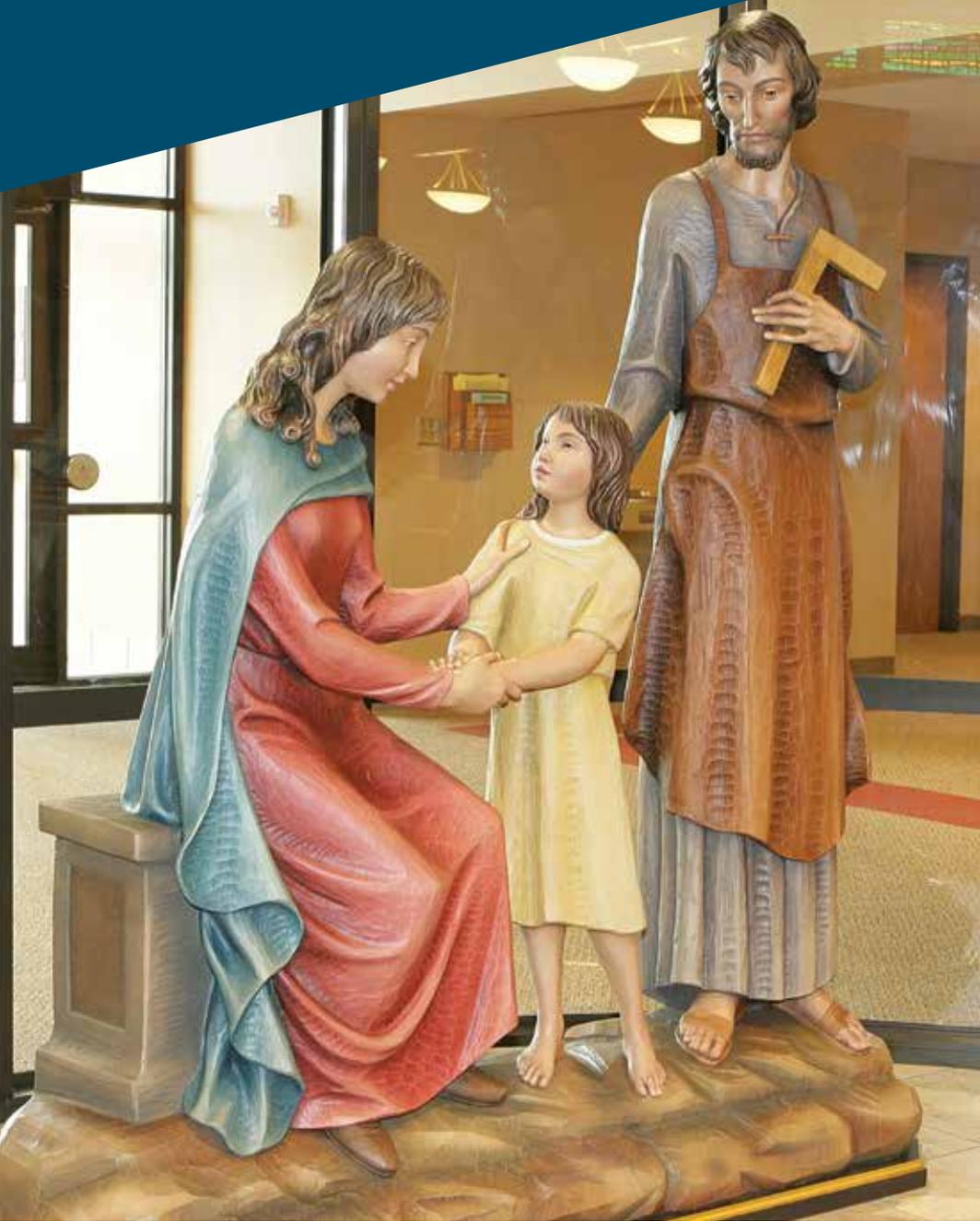
This is an appointed committee whose focus is developing a stewardship culture in the parish.



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