

“Core Ministries” at Ss. Mary and Joseph Church

VO.2 – June 3, 2008

Worship and Spirituality

What:	Organizes and Promotes opportunities for worship, spiritual development, and participation in liturgical ministries.
Main Activities:	Ministries at Mass, Holy Week Liturgies, Annual Parish Mission, Eucharistic Adoration, Liturgy of the Word for Children, Church Art & Environment, Missions Awareness
New Ideas:	Sunday Morning Scripture Study, Liturgy of the Hours, Forty hours, Sacred Music Schola
Who:	Music Ministry, Liturgical Art & Environment Team, Liturgical Ministers

Catholic Education and Christian Formation

What:	Offers quality Catholic Education to children and adults; mentors and prepares catechumens and candidates for the sacraments of initiation.
Main Activities:	PSR, RCIA, Baptism, First Reconciliation/Communion, Confirmation, “We Believe” and other Adult Education Series, Protecting God’s Children
New Ideas:	Sunday Morning Adult Ed, “Theology of the Body” Curriculum, Parish Library
Who:	DRE, RCIA coordinator, catechists

Family Life and Ministries

What:	Promotes Christian Family values and provides resources for families of all ages to live out their Christian Vocation at home.
Main Activities:	Marriage Preparation, Couples Nights, Annulment assistance, Youth group, Health & Wellness programming, Sunday morning nursery
New Ideas:	Pro-Life Committee, Mom’s Group, Pre-Cana/Evenings for the Engaged, Divorce Ministry, Annulment Info Nights, Sera Club (Religious Vocations), Bereavement and Funeral Ministry, Youth ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Senior-Adult Ministry
Who:	Parish Nurses, Youth ministry coordinator

Outreach and Social Justice

What:	Provides opportunities and encourages members to put their faith in action by assisting the poor, needy, and marginalized; reaches out to inactive Catholics; joins other Christian communities in cooperative ventures in the community.
Main Activities:	“First Friday” ministry and outreach to shut-ins, Parish Nurse ministry, Youth Mission Trip, Food Pantry Collections, Catholic Charities Activities, Blackburn Chaplaincy, Ecumenical Activities, Football/Basketball Prayer Breakfasts
New Ideas:	March of Life, Life Chain, “Faithful Citizenship” information night, Voter Registration, St. Vincent DePaul Society, “Green Parish” efforts, Hispanic Ministry
Who:	Parish Nurses, Knights of Columbus (parish liaison), Catholic Charities (parish liaison)

Fellowship

What:	Plans and coordinates fellowship and community-building events.
Main Activities:	Funeral Luncheons, Fall Festival, Fellowship Brunch, Wednesday Evening Dinners, Mardi Gras Party, Christmas Party, Parish Receptions & Celebrations
New Ideas:	New Parishioner welcome committee, Inactive Catholic outreach, Parish Coffee Bar
Who:	Funeral Luncheon Committee, Fall Festival Committee

Facilities, Property, and Stewardship

What:	Manages and plans for facilities, needs and maintenance. Promotes good stewardship of parish resources on part of administration and membership.
Main Activities:	Regular Maintenance, Grounds Crew Operations, Bookkeeping, ACSA campaign, Facilities Use by parishioners
New Ideas:	“Minute Men” Group, Time, Talent & Treasure survey, Parish Facilities Master Plan, Campaign to retire debt, IT/Website development & maintenance, Volunteer Coordinator
Who:	Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper, Maintenance, Grounds Crews, Trustees