

Getting Involved at St. Mary Pella

Ministries & Groups

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council

Elected advisory group for the Pastor. The council seeks to foster parish unity, access parish needs, develop parish programs, coordinate parish activities, encourage participation in spiritual and apostolic life and provide a forum for parish dialogue. Council members are representatives of various Parish Commissions. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the odd months at 7 pm.

Liz Vermeer,
eanaughton@hotmail.com

LITURGY

The commission meets on an as needed basis. The Liturgy commission aims to learn more about the Liturgy and to prepare for the various liturgical seasons, feasts and special celebrations.

Patrice and David Langenfeld
dplkids@iowatelecom.net

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday's from 5p-9p and First Friday after mass. Volunteers expose and repose Eucharist for adoration.

Sacristans

Set up for all liturgical celebrations and assist with setting up for Mass and making sure all the liturgical ministers are in place prior to the start of Mass. Assist in making sure all the liturgical items are picked up and in proper order after mass.

Mass Greeters/Ministers of Hospitality Ushers

Assist the ushers in welcoming people with a smile and making visitors feel at home here at St. Mary.

Altar Servers

Assist the Priest during Mass. Open to boys and girls 3rd-12th grade who participate in the appropriate training exercises and periodic enrichment experiences. Adults are also welcome to serve.

Eucharistic Ministers

Assist the Priest with distribution of Holy Communion. Must be a confirmed member of the Catholic Church.

Readers (Proclaimers of the Word)

Proclaim the Word of God at Mass in an inspiring and meaningful way.

denotes ministry with opportunity to serve

Church Laundry

Wash the linens used in Mass and iron liturgical linens.

Patrice Langenfeld,
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Wedding Coordinator

Assist the bride and groom with their wedding at St. Mary's.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Lead the Children's Liturgy at the Sunday 10:30 am Mass during the school year.

Paulina Loaiza,
pellastmarydre@diodav.org

Ministers of Communion to the Homebound

Bring Communion to the members of our community who are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness or other circumstances. Safe Environment Training required.

Sue Larvick, 641-780-3236

Music Ministry

*Children's Choir (2nd-5th grade)
Youth Ministry Choir (6th-12th grade)
Christmas/Easter Choir
Mass Vocalists/Cantor
Instrumentalists
Sound Board/Livestream
Yvette Schroedl,
pellastmarymusic@diodav.org*

CHURCH & FAMILY LIFE

Funeral Luncheon Ministry

Provide and serve lunch for parish funerals.

Contact the Office 641-628-3078

Welcoming Ministry

Welcomes new parishioners through personal contact.

Teresa Van Zee,
teresa.vanzee56@gmail.com

Spring into Auction Gala

Coordinates a spring event that helps parishioners build bonds of friendship and help the parish raise funds for programs.

Chrissy Mann,
Chrissy.mann105@gmail.com

Tulip Time Committee

Coordinates the St. Mary's food booth for the Tulip Time festival in Pella the first weekend in May.

Tara Menke, menketn@pella.com

Coffeetime

Fellowship time following Sunday's 10:30 mass. Volunteers bring treats to share and/or are responsible for set-up and clean-up.

Lorraine, coffeetimepella@gmail.com

Photographer, Videographer

Attend events and photograph them for the parish.

OPEN

Advent by Candlelight

Women members of the parish plan and host an evening during Advent for the parish consisting of a dinner and prayer with a guest speaker.

Lezlie Morris, lezliemorris@gmail.com

Prayer Chain

Support fellow parishioners through prayer.

Patrice Langenfeld,
dplkids@iowatelecom.net
Sharon Weiler, momweiler@hotmail.com

CARE MINISTRY

Coordinate volunteers as follows to provide care for parishioners in need: stmarypellacares@gmail.com

Card Ministry

Send greeting cards to parishioners who are welcoming a new addition to their family, grieving the loss of a loved one, or experiencing health challenges such as hospitalization/recovering from surgery.

Meal Train

Provide meals for parishioners/families in need following the birth of a child, surgery, hospitalization, health issues or other personal challenges.

Transportation

Provide transportation to parishioners who are unable to drive to Mass, local appointments, or other local errands.

Prayer Group

Volunteer prayer leaders will pray in person who would like to be prayed with/over.

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FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation Commission cultivates lifelong spiritual growth by developing catechetical programs for all ages that deepen understanding of Scripture, liturgy, and Catholic teaching. It equips parents, catechists, and ministers with resources and training and ensures sacramental preparation. The commission meets on the last Tuesday of every month.

Paulina

Loaiza, pellastmarydre@diodav.org

Adult Faith Formation & Sacraments

Adult small group leaders & OCIA Catechists that guide season or year-round catechesis.

Early Childhood Faith Formation

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechists, helpers and substitutes for weekly ministry September-April.

Children's Faith Formation

Catechists, helpers & substitutes for KG-5th grade ministry that meets weekly September-April.

Youth Ministry

Adult small group leaders, High School helpers & *substitutes* for our 6th-12th grade discipleship small groups that meet weekly September-April.

Campus Ministry

Students participate in a variety of events to assist them in growing in their faith while at college.

Adopt-a-Central student families
Bible Study Facilitators

Hospitality & Prayer Support

Welcome children and families with warmth and joy, creating a safe and inviting space for faith to flourish.

Prayer intercessors and hospitality helpers for our Family Nights, Youth Ministry Social nights, etc.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The building and grounds committee reviews and plans facility and landscaping projects for the church.

Brian Huddle, brian.huddle77@gmail.com

Church Cleaning

Church cleaners ensure that the church is ready for liturgical celebrations by cleaning it bi-annually. Some duties include oiling the pews and window washing.

Flower Care

Help take care of indoor and outdoor flowers and the Prayer Garden.

Lawn Care

Help maintain the outdoor church grounds. Duties include lawn mowing, weeding, edging, prairie burn and clean-up.

Spring and Fall Clean-up

Help with our twice yearly deep clean inside and out.

Cemetery

Help maintain the cemetery grounds. Harlan Malsom, halmalsom@gmail.com
Dave Langenfeld, davel@iowatelecom.net

SOCIAL ACTION

The Social Action Commission meets September, January, and April. Date and time TBD.

Missions

Members seek out opportunities for parishioners to serve the poor and underserved both locally and abroad. Liz Vermeer, enaughton@hotmail.com

Social Awareness

Members raise awareness and promote work that needs to be done in the areas of social justice and peace. Current need is to connect with local organizations to create opportunities to serve. The next Many Hands trip to Abaco will be in 2027. Liz Vermeer, enaughton@hotmail.com

Peace and Justice

The commission also allocates funds to agencies that help those in need in our community. Sharon Lehn, slehn77@gmail.com

Pella Food Shelf

St. Mary's collects food donations for the Food Shelf. Volunteers from St. Mary's assist the Food Shelf on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6-7:30 pm. Families are welcome to serve together.

Liz Vermeer, enaughton@hotmail.com

Angel Tree Volunteers

St. Mary's receives a list of parishioners, families and organizations from the community that need support. Name tags are hung on the Angel Tree during the Advent Season and parishioners can choose a tag and bring back a gift to the church. Volunteers are needed to sort the gifts so they can be delivered.

Jasmine Eisenbarth, jmeisenbarth@gmail.com

FINANCE COUNCIL

Considers and makes recommendations concerning the parish finances. Develops a yearly budget and supervises funding for the physical and spiritual needs of the parish. Members are appointed by the Pastor in accordance with the Code of Canon Law.

Tracy Daugherty, tracydaugherty80@gmail.com

Money Counters

Assists in money counting and bank deposits of the weekend collections. Call the parish office 641-628-3078

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus

Be a part of this Catholic men's organization, giving back to the parish and the community.

Aaron Bohn, bohnfam1@gmail.com