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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish 2024-2025 Stewardship Guide

Dear Parishioners,

In the "Parable of the Talents," (Mt 25:14-30), Jesus teaches us what it means to be a good steward. A Christian steward is one who receives God's blessings with gratitude, cares for those gifts responsibly, and returns them with increase to the Lord. This is what we are called to do as Christian stewards and followers of Christ. It is always important to reflect on the gifts that God has given us, especially in regards to our time, our abilities, and our resources. As we give thanks for these gifts, we are called in turn to use them for the good of others and for the glory of God.

Our annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Stewardship Renewal is a yearly opportunity to continue to show our commitment in being faithful stewards and disciples of Christ. By sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we are able to show our gratitude in response to the many blessings God has given us, and use these gifts to bring others to the Lord.

We ask that you please give prayerful consideration to this opportunity as you fill out your Stewardship Renewal form. In addition, I would like to thank all of you for all the time, talents, and treasures that you offer to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. All your gifts, great and small, truly have an impact on the life and vibrancy of this excellent parish. Thank you, and God bless!

In Christ,

Pastor

Parish Staff

Fr. Nick Parker, Pastor

Parish Offices

Phone: 625-7339 **Fax:** 625-7643 **Hours:** M–Thurs. 8–12 pm, 1–5 pm Fri. 8-12pm **Website:** www.ihm-church.com

Mass Times

Weekend Masses Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Sunday - 8:00 a.m., 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Spanish) & 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses M-F— 6:45 am, W-5:30 pm, T-Th—8:00 a.m. Thursday—6:30 pm (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation Thurs. 5:00–5:30 pm, Fri. 12:00pm Sat. 3:00 pm, Sun. 5:00 pm-5:45 pm or by request



- Fr. Trinity Savariyar Deacon Dave Kisner Susan Kisner Bradley Stramel Jaclyn Brown Marc Hertel Irene Guzman
- Sr. Dulce Maria - Sr. Silvia

Fr. Nick Parker

Raymond Wiesner

Parochial Vicar Permanent Deacon Business Manager

Administrative Assistant K–8 Faith Formation/OCIA Hays CYO Director Hispanic Ministry

Janitorial

Please return your parish Stewardship Renewal Forms for 2024-2025 the weekend of March 2 - 3, 2024 to be included with the offertory gifts.



Prayer

701 Perpetual Adoration

Volunteers commit to spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Adorers volunteer for a specific hour each week so that there is a constant vigil of the Blessed Sacrament.

Brian & Michelle DeWitt 625-2481

702 Traveling Chalice Ministry

Parishioners volunteer to have the Chalice in their home for one week and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life throughout that week. Bradley Stramel, 625-7339

703 Praver Chain

Members of our parish pray for the needs of other parishioners. One telephone call begins the involvement of all those in the prayer chain.

Lorraine Brungardt, 625-3021 **Olivia Becker, 259-7132**

704 Family Rosary

Members and their families volunteer to pray the rosary before Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the 4pm, 8am, & 10am Masses. Rosary begins 30 min. before Mass.

Donetta Robben, 656-0150

705 Traveling Icon Ministry

Parishioners volunteer to have an icon of Jesus in their home for one week and to pray for Catholics to come home and more fully experience the sacraments and parish life.

Bradley Stramel, 625-7339

Commissions/Committees

101 Evangelization & Stewardship

This Commission discusses ways to encourage living, receiving and spreading the Gospel beyond attending weekly Mass; to grow our Catholic faith and form relationships with the community of Jesus. This is done by hosting ALIVE events to all ages to reinvigorate our parish family. Commitment: quarterly meetings and leadership presence to coordinate events. Parish Office, 625-7339

103 Hispanic

This Committee works to promote the sacramental and spiritual life of the Hispanic Community and to help integrate them into the wider parish community. Irene Guzman, 625-7339

106 Vocatio of the Heartland

Vocatio of the Heartland actively promotes vocations by sponsoring radio ads, assisting at annual vocations events, sending letters and care packages to seminarians and religious candidates, and through the Traveling Chalice ministry. Meets quarterly. Pam Windholz, 639-6040

107 Respect Life

This Commission promotes life from the womb to the tomb through active participation in public respect life events, and finding creative ways to evangelize and promote life issues that are prevalent in the culture within our parish family through service to others. Commitment: Annual events throughout the year. Alicia Knight, 656-3746

108 Parish Pastoral Council

Immaculate Heart of Mary registered parishioner 18 years of age or older interested in being nominated to the parish pastoral council. Elections are held in the spring. A term on the council is 3 years. Fr. Nick Parker, 625-7339

Faith Formation Ministries

201 Wee Words Catechist

Volunteers lead Liturgy of the Word for children ages 4—K during the 10:00am Mass.

Stephanie Jacobs, 625-5852

202 Formation Support

Adult volunteers are needed to help with Faith Formation program of the youth K-12. Examples: helping students in classroom, office help, substituting, and helping Faith Formation programs. **Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339**

203 Catechist

An adult who guides groups of students through lessons, activities, songs, and prayers using a teacher's manual, as well as other books and materials. Commitment: Weekly classes, orientation, and grade-level meetings, certification classes, and retreats. **Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339**

204 Catechist Aide

An adult or high school student who assists the teacher and helps the students in classes. Commitment: Weekly classes, orientation, and retreats. Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

205 Hall Monitor

Directs students/parents to classrooms and monitors halls during class. Commitment: 2 times per semester **Jaclyn Brown**, 625-7339

206 Jr. CYO

Provides Jr. High aged youth with the opportunity to gather in a social and spiritual environment to grow as the Body of Christ. Jr. CYO meets monthly for social and service activities.

Marc Hertel, 625-7339

207 Jr. CYO Sponsor

All adults willing to provide guidance, spiritual direction, and support for all Jr. CYO activities are welcome. Marc Hertel, 625-7339

208 CYO

Provides High school aged youth with the opportunity to gather as the Body of Christ (fellowship), learn to be the Body of Christ faith formation), and to be the hands and feet of Christ (sérvice/mission). Meets Wednesday evenings in church basement. Marc Hertel, 625-7339

209 CYO Sponsor

All adults willing to provide guidance spiritual direction, and support for CYO activities are welcome. Commitment: Weekly sessions and special events. Marc Hertel, 625-7339

210 Childcare

Adult and student volunteers care for children whose parents are involved in Faith Formation programs. Commitment: 2 times per semester Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

211 OCIA Team Member

Team Members help welcome those seeking to learn more about the Church into the parish by teaching, leading small group discussions, praying, or simply being present. Commitment: September-May weekly sessions. **Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339**

212 OCIA Sponsor

An adult who "journeys with" an individual inquiring into becoming a member of the Catholic Church. Those who volunteer to be sponsors attend sessions and help incorporate the new members into parish life.

Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339



216 Totus Tuus

Volunteers needed for the summer catechetical program, Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) grades 1st-5th. Volunteers will help with daily snacks, clean up & supervise. Commitment: One week 9am-3pm Monday-Friday. Times can be flexible. Jaclyn Brown, 625-7339

217 Other Gifts & Talents

If you possess gifts and talents not listed in this brochure, please feel free to indicate on the space provided on your renewal form.

Susan Kisner, 625-7339

Organizations

301 Daughters of Isabella #254

An organization of Catholic Women who participate in charitable, spiritual, civic, and social programs in the parish and community. Open to Catholic women aged 16 and up. Commitment: Monthly meetings and other events. **Peggy Feltis, 628-1336**

302 Knights of Columbus Co 6984

A Catholic, family, fraternal and service organization dedicated to principals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Commitment: Monthly meetings and other events.

John Staab, 656-4037

Liturgical Ministries

401 Hospitality/Greeter

Welcome and assist people as we gather for Mass. Opening church doors, handing out books and helping other feel at home attending Mass. Commitment: Arrive 20 min. before Mass. Serve on a rotating schedule.

Bradley Stramel, 625-7339

419 Coffee & Donuts Volunteers

Volunteers to help assist with coffee and donuts the second Sunday of the month after 8 and 10a.m. Masses. 8a.m. Some set up and serving and 10a.m. Mass serving and clean up. Volunteers will be notified by e-mail if they are available to assist. **Coleen Werth, 259-4445 Michelle DeWitt, 625-2481**

402 Usher

Assist with seating before and during Mass, help with the collection, direct Communion lines, and distribute bulletins. Commitment: Arrive 20 min. before Mass. Serve as available.

Bryan Church, 623-6805

403 Lector

Proclaim the Scriptures at weekend Masses. Formation required. Commitment: Prepare at home. Arrive at least 15 min. before Mass. Serve on a rotating schedule once or twice a month. **Susan Kisner, 625-7339**

405 Altar Server

Assist the priest at the altar during weekend liturgies, holy days, funerals, and weddings. Formation required. Commitment: Arrive at least 15 min. before Mass. 4th grade and older. Susan Kisner, 625-7339

406 Adult Weekday Server

Adults assist the priest at the altar during the 6:45 am & 5:30 pm daily Masses. Commitment: Rotating schedule. **Kenny Rohr, 650-1222**

407 Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Assist in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. Must be 21. Formation required. Commitment: Arrive at least 15 min. before Mass. Serve on a rotating schedule once or twice a month. **Susan Kisner, 625-7339**

409 Extraordinary Minister to the Homebound

We take the Eucharist to our members who are sick or homebound. This ministry is an extension of the Mass and a wonderful way to be united as the Body of Christ. **Curtis & Annette Hammeke**, **628-1834**

410 Play Organ/Instrument

Accompanists lead the congregation in song by playing the piano, keyboard, organ, or guitar at Mass. Other instrumentalists also welcome. An orientation is required. Commitment: minister as scheduled, practices, and prayerful preparation. Judy Brummer, 623-8880

411 Cantor/Song Leader

Cantors lead the parish community in song at Mass. A clear, reasonably pleasant voice necessary. An orientation is required. Commitment: minister as scheduled, practices, and prayerful preparation. Judy Brummer, 623-8880

412 Seasonal Choir

Minister for Christmas midnight Mass, Easter Vigil, and other special Masses. Open to anyone musically inclined, all ages. Commitment: 4–6 evening practices. Judy Brummer, 623-8880

414 Children's Choir

Minister up to once a month at Sunday Mass. Grades 2–6. Commitment: practice an hour before scheduled Mass. Judy Brummer, 623-8880

415 Offertory Gift Bearer

Will be called to fill an opening as you are available to bring forward the gifts at Mass. Commitment: arrive early / report to ushers **Bradley Stramel**, **625-7339**

416 Money Counter

Volunteers count the offertory collection each weekend. Experience helpful but not necessary. Training required. Commitment: 2-3 hours Sun. morning 9 to about 11:30am, 2 weekends every 9 months. **Susan Kisner, 625-7339**

417 Art and Environment

During the liturgical year as the church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ, volunteers prepare and decorate for the liturgical seasons and feasts to heighten awareness, to enhance, and to foster active participation for people of every age. Commitment: 8-10 work sessions.

Chair, Leslie Unrein, 650-0233 Co-Chair, Tracy Perrett, 259-3065

418 Liturgical Sewing

Volunteers maybe called upon to make or mend Liturgical cloths including season overlays, banners, albs, vestments, etc. for the parish as needed. Commitment: Time and projects vary.

Parish Office, 625-7339

Parish Ministries

501 Welcome New Parishioners

Volunteers visit newly registered parishioners who have moved to the Hays community by welcoming them to our parish community and provide information about the parish, schools, and activities/ ministries.

Bradley Stramel, 625-7339

502 Help with Bulletin Inserts

Volunteers are needed each week to assemble the bulletin pages and occasionally add another insert. This is usually done on Thursday afternoons, but other arrangements can be made. **Bradley Stramel, 625-7339**

503 Occasional Office Help

Volunteers are needed at various times throughout the year to make phone calls, compile mailings, and help with tasks around the office. **Bradley Stramel, 625-7339**



504 Funeral Dinner Ministry

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meal after any funeral at IHM Church for family and friends. Assisting with set up and clean up would be helpful. **Parish Office, 625-7339**

506 Funeral Dinner Baking

Volunteers are needed to bake desserts for funeral dinners. **Parish Office**, **625-7339**

507 Parish Baking

Volunteers provide cookies and baked goods for parish events and receptions for those receiving Sacraments. The Parish Office will contact you when items are needed.

Parish Office, 625-7339

509 Help at Holy Family

Volunteers are welcome at HFE, in the classrooms, in the cafeteria, for field trips, fundraisers, label collections, janitorial, and grounds work. **Toni Whitmer, 625-3131**

510 Help at TMP-Marian

Volunteer opportunities include: tutor students, chaperones, Auction for Christian Education (ACE), stage/costume help, bieroke/kuchen sale, lunch servers, etc. Amy Hudson, 625-6577

511 Meals on Wheels

Volunteers participate in the community Meals on Wheels program, delivering hot meals to elderly and homebound individuals in our area. Commitment: IHM is scheduled for 6-8 weeks each year (in 1-week blocks) during the lunch time hours. Elaine Haberman, 628-8343

706 M.A.P. (Men At Prayer)

This group of Catholic men gathers weekly for prayer and Scripture reflection. All are welcome. Saturdays, 7:30–8:30 am in St. Nicholas of Myra parish hall. **Deacon Steve Urban, 650-2931**

604 31 Prayer Club-Vocations

Parishioners select a day of the week to pray for vocations to the priesthood & religious life. You may choose any prayer from attending Mass, an hour of adoration, or rosary. The club goal is to have enough parishioners that the entire month is filled with someone each day praying for vocations.

Pam Windholz, 639-6040

Janitorial

801 Church Cleaning

Volunteers to help with vacuuming, cleaning windows, pews, etc. in the church each week. Volunteers are also needed to clean the Parish rectory. **Raymond Wiesner, 432-2578**

802 Buildings & Grounds Miscellaneous Upkeep

Volunteers are needed to help with upkeep on the 3 parish-owned houses and the church/school grounds. Needs include mowing and minor maintenance. **Raymond Wiesner, 432-2578**

803 Snow Removal

Volunteers are needed to help remove accumulating snow from the church/school grounds. With snow removal, we are in need of man power and equipment such as bobcats and snow shovels to have the grounds accessible for Mass and other parish events. **Raymond Wiesner, 432-2578**

Parish Office, 625-7339

Your Stewardship commitment of Time, Talent & Treasure will be effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025