

Parish Life Committee Goal

To involve all members of the faith community in creating an environment where:

- New members of the parish are welcomed, introduced, and received into parish life.
- Parish members of all ages are provided with opportunities to socialize and enjoy one another's company through events sponsored by the committee.
- Parish members work together to help with fundraising activities with proceeds going to non-profit organizations of the community and to church activities.
- As a service organization, the Parish Life Committee can encourage all to band together in times of need to provide a spirit of outreach to those in need.

Examples of past and current activities:

- New members breakfast
- Trivia Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Movie Day
- Food vendor at local auctions
- Organize and serve funeral meals
- Organize and serve fall dinner
- Holiday cookie walk and craft bazaar
- Water for Life collection on Ash Wednesday
- Sponsor a Lenten Simple Supper
- Provide cookies for Bartels Retirement Center and other community activities
- Care of church linens
- Help sponsor youth attending the National Youth Conference

Parish Life Committee Chair

Treasurer

Lynn Darnold

Carrie Beneke

Parish Life Committees (* Contact person(s))

Bartels/Community Cookies (Helen Melichar will make a reminder call to the callers)

St. Mary Church furnishes and delivers 9 dozen cookies to the Bartels Home on the second Sunday of the months for the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November. The caller will arrange for 2-3 people to bake and furnish 3 dozen cookies or bars which need to be brought to the church or delivered to the Bartels Chapel by 10 AM on the second Sunday. The caller is also responsible for making sure the cookies are delivered to Bartels. Occasionally we are also asked to provide cookies/bars for other community events such as blood drives.

July/August

Janessa Pries

Caller: Ruth Schluter

Shirley Dominy

Amy Price

Sept/Oct

Charlotte Melichar

Caller: Sue Rand

Mary Pudwill

Jeri Mueller

Nov/Dec

Jean Hilbert

Caller: Liz Thorpe

Sandy Cain

Becky Havlik

Jan/Feb
Dolly Kreger

Caller: Helen Melichar
Jean Hilbert Lorraine Huber

Mar/April
Sandy Cain

Caller: Nancy Carlson
Nancy Carlson Jody Young

May/June
Jan Brettmann

Caller: Janice Kullen-Savage
Rachel Stone Lisa Drape

Church Linens

Volunteers are responsible for washing and ironing the cloth pacificators used at the masses.

January Edna Brunkhorst
February Judy Swygman
March Mary Meihost
Apr/May JoAnn Kleusner
June/July Marilyn Demuth
Aug/Sept. Sue Taiber
Oct/Nov Judy Swygman
December Jeri Mueller

Fall Festival

These volunteers form the core committee to decide on a Fall Festival for St. Mary and plan all the arrangements needed for this function.

*Veronica Fink
*Linda O'Donnell
*Rachel Stone
*Becky Ptacek-Havlik
Lindsay Stevenson
Janessa Pries
Becca Elsamiller
Sharon Spears-Albright
Ellen Kurt
Betty Meyer
Darlene Pint
Helen Melichar
Karen Schwickerath

Family Activities

This committee initiates opportunities for people to socialize and enjoy one another's company by sponsoring events for all ages.

*Lynn Darnold
*Mary Jo Stromberg
Lindsay Stevenson
Becca Elsamiller
Mariah Stauffer
Miranda Liz-Kurt
Joyce Pierson

Michelle Stone
 Gerri Dix
 Lisa Drape
 Tracy Soerensen
 Ben Stone
 Mariah Birgern

Fundraising

These volunteers organize fundraisers with proceeds going to church activities and non-profit organizations in the community.

*Lynn Darnold
 *Veronica Fink
 Ben Stone
 Mary Jean Camlin
 Michelle Kluesner

Holiday Bazaar:

*Sharon Spears-Albright
 *Helen Melichar
 Jody Young

Funerals/List Callers: *Helen Melichar
 *Linda O'Donnell

Homebound Visits: *Theresa Buss

Funeral Procedures

Funeral Home Contact Persons

Mary Ann Hinders or Helen Melichar

The **contact person** will notify the **group leaders** responsible for the upcoming funeral. They will be given the date/dime and which calling list to use.

The **group leaders** are responsible for calling the **list callers** and letting them know how much food and how many workers (from the funeral group responsible) are needed. Only one of the **list callers** will be contacted by the **group leader**. That caller is to contact the other caller on the list and together they need to decide how to divide the food and worker list. (Note: Workers to be called are listed separately from the calling list.)

The **list callers** will contact those on their list for the food donations and workers. The **list callers** need to leave a list at the church or contact the **group leaders** with the list of workers and the names of those bringing salads and cakes.

The **group leaders** will take care of ordering the food from Hy-Vee after the **contact person** lets them know what the family wants and how many people are expected to be served. The **group leaders** need to ask what the family wants to do with any leftover food.

When list callers ask for food:

Salads should serve 15 people. Ask for a variety of salads. Twelve salads will serve 100-150 people.

Cakes (9x13) should serve 15-18 people. Ask for a variety of kinds, such as angel food, white, chocolate, etc. Nine- ten cakes serve 100-150 people.

All cakes and salads need to be delivered to the church kitchen by 10 AM on the day of the funeral. The doors to the church will be open at 7:00 AM on the day of the funeral (M-Sat). The church is closed at 4:30 Monday–Friday (4:00 June, July, August). Food can be dropped off during these times.

List Callers need to FIRST call the workers listed for the group who is working the funeral. If enough workers cannot be found, THEN workers from other groups may be contacted. Most people are willing to work whenever needed unless they have a previous commitment.

Funeral Groups (* indicates group leaders)

Group 1

*Dolores Ungs
*Judy Swygman
Lorna Dugan
Mary and Joe Pudwill
Marlys Nannenga
Loras and Becky Jaeger
Ceola Mowery
Shirley Dominy (June-Oct)
Joan McCready

Group 2

*Dolly Kreger (& Jerry)
*Nancy Carlson (&Don)
*Marilyn Demuth
Sue Taiber
JoAnn Berger (no T or Fr)
Jeri Mueller
Sandra and Dick Cain
Denny and Betty Meyer

Group 3

*Dee Coonradt
*(need volunteer)
Lorraine Huber
Robin Miller
Maxine and Wilfred Maiers
Dode Westendorf
Virginia Bock
Geri Dix (not June-Oct)
JoAnn and Pat Kluesner
Virginia McEnany

Group 4

*Helen Melichar
*Linda O'Donnell (&Jim)
Jean Hilbert
Charlotte Melichar
Jody Young
Judy Kaberna
Jean Ebert
Angie Jacobs
Mary Jean Camlin

Judy Kaberna will help on Mondays, if needed.

Callers for funerals and other church events:

List 1	Julie Nordman	Mary Jean Camlin
List 2	Veronica Fink	Cindy Siemers

List 3	Mary Lou Ungs	Mary Jo Hall	
List 4	Irma Schwartz	Becca Elsamiller	
List 5	Charlotte Melichar	Karen Schwickerath	
List 6	Dolores Ungs	JoAnn Berger	Helen Melichar (352 #'s)
List 7	Ruth Schluter	Joyce Fay	
List 8	Jan Kriener	Janet McCullough	
List 9	Joan Miller	Nancy Carlson	
List 10	Liz Thorpe	Patricia Gambaiani	