

St. Michael's Guide to Ministry Opportunities

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TREASURES OF STEWARDSHIP



*Church of St. Michael
Farmington, MN*

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Accountable to God



Catholic Stewardship is based on the belief that God is the true owner of each person's possessions, and that one is accountable to God for the acceptable care and use of those possessions. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more (Luke 12:48)." The greatest act of stewardship is to give to the Lord the gift of our time, talent, and treasure, the gift of our very life.

Stewardship can also refer to Jesus Christ's accountability to God the Father for the Christians that have been entrusted to Him. As stewards of God's many gifts and blessings, we have been entrusted with a vocation to be disciples. All of us as staff and parishioners of St. Michael's Catholic Church are the greatest blessing and resource we have as a parish community. Together we draw our strength, wisdom, and vision from the Lord and from each other as a faith community. The Holy Spirit empowers us to use our gifts for the good of all.

Your stewardship and ministry to St. Michael's Catholic Church is vital to the life of our Parish community. As you can see in this ministry booklet, it is parishioners who perform many of the vital ministries within our parish community that contributes to the life of the Church. Pastors and pastoral councils rely on the resources and talents of parishioners to serve in different leadership ministries of the parish. The expertise of each parishioner is needed for the success of parish life. Our parish relies on the time and talents of parishioners to give their know-how and resources to our parish ministries. The pastoral challenge for our parish is to find a way to bring out the gifts of each member. As parishioners, we come here to our community not to be served but to serve each other. St. Michael's Parish needs your ministry! ***"There are many different gifts, but always the same Spirit...The particular manifestation of the Spirit is granted to each one to be used for the common good."*** (1 Cor. 12:4&6)

I thank all of you who do so much to serve the Lord in all the different ministries in our Parish.

God Bless,

Fr. Dennis Thompson

Introduction to 2008-2009 Ministry Opportunities Book

We are very blessed at St. Michael's to have a warm and welcoming parish community that is deeply involved in our many ministries and parish events. We have begun publishing a "ministry opportunities guide" each fall describing many of these ministries. We hope you will keep this book as a resource throughout the year as it includes current contact information in most areas; and find one (or several!) ministry opportunities to become involved in.

We are asking that each parishioner (youth and adults) fill out a ministry form indicating areas that you are interested in (or are currently participating in) each fall. There are 2 forms included in this guide, and more can be picked up at the parish office (or on-line) if needed.

Again, thank you for your gift of time and talent to St. Michael's Church! It is greatly appreciated, and has made our parish the wonderful place it is today.

*Dottie Knutson
Coordinator of Shared Ministry and Community Life*



Category 100: Liturgy

The Eucharist is the center of who we are as a Catholic people, and all that we do as a parish community flows outward from it. It takes an incredible amount of effort on the part of many different people to help celebrate the Mass each weekend – ushers, greeters, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, musicians, soundboard ministers each doing their part.

Many questions regarding the ministries described below can be answered by our "Mass Captains" who serve as coordinators for all of the individuals taking an active role during the Mass. Our current mass Captains are:

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Mass: Charlie and Joanne Weber (651) 460-6809 or cweber84@charter.net

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass: Kathy Krippner (651) 463-3680 or kbkripp@frontiernet.net

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Mass: Mark Wood (651) 463-2101 or mark.wood@cna.com

#101: Ushers: Responsible for seating people, facilitating the collection, and passing out bulletins. The ushers extend a sense of welcome to all who are attending Mass.

Contact: Mass Captains – See list above.

#102: Greeters: Responsible for extending a warm welcome to all as they enter the church for Mass.

Contact: Mass Captains – See list above.

#103: Lectors: Responsible for proclaiming the Sunday readings as well as the Prayers of the Faithful to the assembly during Mass.

Contact: Connie Fifarek (651) 463-2862 or fifarek@frontiernet.net

#104: Eucharistic Ministers: Assist in the distribution of the bread and wine during Communion.

Contact: Connie Fifarek (651) 463-2862 or fifarek@frontiernet.net

#105: Liturgy of the Word for Children: Liturgy of the Word for children is offered at the 10:30 Mass for elementary school aged children. The children actively participate in a developmentally appropriate presentation of the Gospel, Readings, and Prayers of the Faithful. Much help is needed in this valuable ministry!

Contact: Dottie Knutson (651) 463-3360 or dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org

105-A: Leader: Lead elementary aged children in developmentally appropriate presentation of the Gospel, Readings and Prayers of the Faithful at the 10:30 Mass.

105-B: Assistant: Assist leader in presenting LWC during the 10:30 Mass as well as chaperoning children between Worship Space and Chapel.

105-C: Time Keeper: Keep track of time during LWC. Let leader know when the homily is finished, and assist leader in leading children back to Mass after the Prayers of the Faithful.

#106: Altar Servers: Open to boys and girls (4th grade and older) who would like to assist Father during the Mass.

Contact: Fr. Dennis Thompson (651) 463-3360 or dthompson@stmichael-farmington.org

#107: Sacristans: Responsible for making sure that the altar and sanctuary are prepared for the liturgy. May be required to process the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle in Chapel to tabernacle in the Worship Space, or vice versa when necessary.

Contact: Fr. Dennis Thompson (651) 463-3360 or dthompson@stmichael-farmington.org

#108: Soundboard Ministry: Responsible for running the soundboard during Mass. Training is provided for this valuable ministry!

Contact: Bob Kierski (651) 463-2627 or bobo@sgi.com

#109: Environment: Responsible for creating a beautiful, contemplative environment in the Worship Space throughout the liturgical year.

Contact: Dorothy Schmidtke (651) 463-8724 or Dgramma@charter.net

#110: Wedding Coordinator: Responsible for assisting the bride and groom with any questions they have preparing for the wedding ceremony, facilitating the wedding

rehearsal, and assisting the bridal party the day of the wedding to insure that all goes smoothly. Training is provided for this role.

Contact: Naomi Stout (651) 463-3360 or nstout@stmichael-farmington.org



Category 200: Music Ministry

Contact: Naomi Stout (651) 463-3360 or nstout@stmichael-farmington.org

Excellence—A Team Effort
By Naomi Stout, Director of Music

I smile when I read these lines from a George Eliot poem titled “Stradivarius”:

‘Tis God gives skill,
But not without men’s hands:
He could not make
Antonio Stradivari’s violins
Without Antonio.

The great Antonio Stradivarius (1644-1737) was the worlds’ most celebrated maker of stringed instruments—violins, violas, cellos, and basses. Long before names such as Rolls Royce or Hilton bespoke quality, Stradivarius was a synonym for superior craftsmanship. Even now “a Stradivarius” is a descriptive noun describing an excellent product. A sales rep might refer to “the Stradivarius of new cars” or “the Stradivarius of personal computers.”

His instruments were “without faults or blemish”—as close to perfection as humans can attain. It’s a standard of quality that is nearly too high to aim for. *I can’t be perfect, you might say, so why should I even try to “go for the gold medal”?*

Instead of getting depressed and disheartened, go back and read again the lighthearted lines in the George Eliot poem and ask yourself one question: *Does God need me and my best effort to carry out His most excellent work?* Throughout history God has chosen to use mortal men and women—“jars of clay”—to do His perfect work. He made Antonio’s hands—and yours. What excellent work does He want you to do with them—today?

I am so honored to be your Music Director here at St. Michael’s. We have a variety of groups to get involved with. Here’s a little about each. If you are interested in these ministry groups and would like more information, please contact me!

Adult Music Groups

#201: Seasonal Choir: Join a dynamic group that leads Mass at our seasonal liturgical celebrations—Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Rehearsal will be held starting 3-4 weeks prior to the upcoming holiday.

#202: Sunday Contemporary Group: Generally, we lead Mass at the 10:30a.m. Sunday Mass and we rehearse on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30p.m. We are following a schedule of three weeks on, one week off during the school year. All vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome to join us!

#203: Saturday Contemporary Group: Rehearsal will be prior to Saturday Mass at 3:00p, followed immediately by the Mass led by the group. This group will play/sing once a month. This group is open to all if you are interested!

#204: Cantor: More cantors are needed for proclaiming the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation in song during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass as well as leading congregational songs. It is not necessary to be a member of one of the choirs to be a cantor. Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass cantors are especially needed.

#205: Instrumentalists: Lead congregation in the musical elements of the Mass. A person must have the ability to play a musical instrument, and the confidence to lead congregation in Mass. Instrumentalists perform periodically at all Saturday or Sunday Masses.

Something for Everyone...

#206: Big Band: Periodically throughout the year, it's nice to have a "band" for Mass. In the past we have done this for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter or a random mass just for fun. The youth of our parish are invited to join the Big Band, but it is also for adults. So anyone who plays a band instruments (like trumpet, saxophone, flute, clarinet, etc.) is welcome to join!

#207: Funeral Schola: This group provides the valuable ministry of leading Mass at parish funerals. All are welcome to join!

#208: Handbell Choir: We are currently in the process of forming a handbell choir. This group is open to parishioners of all ages—the only requirements are a love of music and the ability to count up to six!

Youth Music Group

#209: Children's Choir: It is such a blessing to have the children lead us at Mass. This group is for all children grades 1-6. Generally, we lead Mass once a month at either the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass or Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. We rehearse on Tuesdays from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

#210: Youth Contemporary Band: We are working on starting a contemporary band for the Youth of our parish. Middle School and Senior High kids interested in singing,

playing guitar, drums or any other instrument are encouraged to participate. The kids are also encouraged to offer their opinions on the music they like. The band will perform periodically at LIFE Praise and Worship sessions throughout the school year in addition to leading the assembly in the musical elements at Mass from time to time.



Category 300: LIFE

LIFE Program- Grades Pre-Kindergarten thru 5th Grade:

Contact: Jennifer Hassenstab, Coordinator of Children's LIFE (651) 463-3360 or jhassenstab@stmichael-farmington.org

LIFE

By Jennifer Hassenstab, Coordinator of Children's LIFE

LIFE stands for Lifelong Intergenerational Faith Experiences. It is the way that we at St. Michael's come together to share our faith and learn more about Catholic traditions. Faith Formation for everyone is offered Sunday and Wednesday evenings, beginning with Praise and Worship and followed by age-level small groups that address topics centered on the Liturgical calendar. Throughout the year, parishioners of St. Michael's also join together for seasonal studies, Bible studies, book groups, and a variety of other faith sharing opportunities. We firmly believe that learning about our faith does not end with "graduating" at Confirmation. Our God is for all ages and we should never stop desiring to know Him better.

Children's LIFE (Pre-K through 5th Grade)

The children's LIFE program continues to grow and improve thanks to the many parishioners who have committed their time and talents. Sunday and Wednesday evenings begin with energy and excitement as children and teens are led by parishioners in singing songs of praise and exploring Gospel readings through skits and games. Children then move on to their small groups where Confirmed adults of our parish share the rich treasures of the Catholic faith through teachings, crafts and activities.

CIA (Catholics in Action)

New this year to the LIFE program is the CIA, or Catholics in Action. Children and parents in the LIFE program become members of the CIA when they participate in service opportunities both at our parish as well as in the community at large. Keep an eye open for members as they wear their CIA t-shirts to church!

Adult LIFE

No, it's not just for kids! Adults are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the

Sunday and Wednesday night LIFE sessions. During this upcoming year, parishioners may share their faith through small group discussions led by fellow parishioners, a video series, a book group, and possibly a speaker or two. Come and join the fun while growing in your faith!

Intergenerational Events

At various times during the year, we take a break from the regular schedule of Sunday and Wednesday night sessions to offer an opportunity for the entire parish to explore elements of the Liturgical Year. As a parish, we learn more about times such as Advent, Lent, the Triduum and Marian Devotions.

#301: House Parents (Preschool and Kindergarten): Adults who lead small groups of children ages 3-5 in a developmentally appropriate early childhood setting.

#302: House Parents (Grades 1-5): Adults who work with small groups of approximately 10 children in learning more about their Catholic faith.

#303: Children's Christmas Pageant: Children and youth of all ages are invited to participate in our Christmas Pageant. We are also in need of "behind the scenes talent" to make the pageant possible. This is quickly becoming a seasonal favorite in the parish and we invite you to join us!

Contact: Jennifer Hassenstab (651) 463-3360 or jhassenstab@stmichael-farmington.org and Naomi Stout (651) 463-3360 or nstout@stmichael-farmington.org.

LIFE Program-Grades 6-12

Contact: Cari White, Director of Youth Ministry (651) 463-3360 or cwhite@stmichael-farmington.org

LIFE and Youth Ministry at St. Michael's By Cari White, Director of Youth Ministry

Our youth are a very important part of our community. Encouraging them to be involved requires many volunteers and lots of support. Without our catechists, chaperones, meal providers and other volunteers, we cannot encourage our youth to become the Church today and take an active role in their faith. There are a variety of ways to volunteer with the LIFE program for 6th-12th graders. It is important to remember that growing in faith does not stop when we are confirmed. Rather, it is simply a jumping off point to deeper things to come. We have small groups that meet during the LIFE session times for 11th-12th grade students, giving them the opportunity to build on the sacrament they just received.

Each LIFE class is specific to the child's developmental needs and each year builds on itself. The many retreats and fun events throughout the year compliment what the student learns in class, and are fun ways to bond with friends and other students they meet. Please consider volunteering in the middle school and high school programs. All training and materials are provided. You never know what you might learn!

#304: House Parents (Grades 6-8): Teach a weekly one hour session for students in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade using the Finding God curriculum. This is instrumental in helping students grow in faith. All materials and training are provided.

#305: Confirmation Catechist: Teach a weekly one hour session for our Year One and Two preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Year one typically starts in 9th grade. Year 2 students use the Finding God Confirmation Curriculum, while Year 1 uses a lectionary based program. Confirmation catechists are vital to helping our students prepare for this very important Sacrament.

#306: Confirmation Retreat Chaperone: Parents are needed to chaperone both the Year 1 and Year 2 retreats. This involves helping with checking in students, helping with crowd control, and other things as they come up. Without chaperones we cannot have these retreats.

#307: Confirmation Retreat Snack/Meal Provider: Parents are needed to donate snack and items for a meal if a meal is part of the retreat. They are also needed to set it out and clean up. This is important because snack time is necessary to not only give kids a break but also energy.

#308: Confirmation Year Two Final Potluck Coordinator: Some parents are needed to coordinate the final pot luck for our Confirmation (Year 2) students that takes place after the “Rite of Sending” at the 10:30 Mass, before our final Confirmation meeting. They organize who brings what dish, help get food set out and work with a group of parents to clean up afterwards. This is very important because it is the last time the Confirmation students are at St. Michael’s before being confirmed at St. Dominic’s in Northfield in the Spring of 2009.

#309: Youth Ministry Event Chaperone: Chaperones are needed for different events throughout the year. This means accompanying the youth to various outings— Twins Game, Grand Slam, etc. Chaperones always attend for free.

#310: Retreat Planning Team: People are needed to help plan a fall and spring retreat for high school students. This team will meet once a month to come up with theme ideas, activities, and other aspects of a retreat for high school students. This group is vital to provide an opportunity for our high school students to grow in faith.

#311: Youth Mentor: High School students who have been confirmed are needed to serve as youth mentors to students in the year one and two confirmation program. They will do various activities with these students and have a monthly meeting with the youth minister for faith formation and fun. These students are very important to help our younger members prepare for Confirmation.

#312: High School Youth Advisory Board: Youth in grades 9-12 are needed to be part of a youth advisory board. This group meets once a month on a Sunday after the 10:30 Mass. They help plan activities for the parish, lead events and develop leadership skills.

#313: Mission Trip Chaperone: A few parents are needed to chaperone the high school youth mission trip each year. This involves participating in various fundraisers

throughout the year, attending preparation meetings and attending the week-long mission trip to various parts of the country. This is an excellent opportunity to not only lead students to a deeper faith, but to grow in faith yourself.

#314: Summer Stretch Driver: Drive small groups of middle school youth to and from service locations as well as social outings one day a week in the summer. This is an opportunity to serve the Farmington community and help our middle school students learn about service. Without drivers we cannot do the Summer Stretch program.

#315: Middle School Friends and Fun Night Chaperone: People are needed to chaperone our middle school fun nights. This involves driving to the designated event location, having fun with the students and keeping students safe. These events happen once a month during the school year.

#316: 9th-12th Grade Retreat Chaperone: People are needed to chaperone retreats for our high school students. This involves patrolling hallways, making sure kids are safe and other things as they come up. It may involve an overnight stay if the retreat is an overnight.

#317: Senior Brunch Coordinators: A group of Junior parents are needed to help plan, decorate and run the senior graduation brunch in May. This is a very important way to say thank you to our graduating seniors and show them our parish support.

SUPPORT HELP for LIFE Program:

Contacts: Jennifer Hassenstab (651) 463-3360 or jhassenstab@stmichael-farmington.org
and Cari White (651) 463-3360 or cwhite@stmichael-farmington.org

#318: Attendance: Collect attendance sheets from each small group at LIFE sessions.

#319: Support Team: Supporting a small group of house Parents and “behind the scenes” support during LIFE sessions.

#320: Supply Preparation: Responsible for preparing teaching supplies that will be used by groups during the LIFE sessions (this task can be done at home!).

#321: Supply Preparation Distribution: Prepare and distribute supply boxes to small groups during LIFE sessions.

#322: C.I.A. Coordinator: Identification and coordination of service projects that youth may participate in throughout the year.

#323: Bulletin Board: Responsible for decorating the LIFE bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

HOSPITALITY:

Contacts: Jennifer Hassenstab (651) 463-3360 or jhassenstab@stmichael-farmington.org
and Cari White (651) 463-3360 or cwhite@stmichael-farmington.org

#324: Dinner Service: Responsible for serving a light meal before LIFE sessions.

#325: Set-up/Take-down Team: Responsible for setting up and taking down chairs and tables before and after LIFE sessions.

#326: Hospitality for House Parent Workshops: Hosting House Parent Workshops and providing food.

#327: LIFE Photographer/Videographer: Responsible for taking photos and videos during LIFE sessions.

#328: Drama Ministry: Perform and lead skits and interactive activities during Praise and Worship.

#329: Phone Reminders: call to remind volunteers of upcoming events.

#330: Nursery (during LIFE Sessions): Provide childcare for house Parents' during LIFE sessions.

LIFE FAMILY EVENT TEAM:

Contacts: Jennifer Hassenstab (651) 463-3360 or jhassenstab@stmichael-farmington.org and Cari White (651) 463-3360 or cwhite@stmichael-farmington.org

#331: Planning LIFE Event Sessions: Planning Family/Intergenerational Events such as Advent and Lent.

#332: Hosting Events during LIFE Sessions: Preparing and hosting Family/Intergenerational events such as Advent and Lent.

COMPUTER SUPPORT:

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#333: Praise and Worship slide Show: Responsible for running slide show during the Praise and Worship portion of LIFE sessions.

#334: LIFE Newsletter: Constructing weekly newsletters such as LIVING LIFE and online spiritual formation.

Sacramental Prep



Contact: Sandy Glau (651) 463-3360 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org

#335: Baptismal Preparation:

#335-A: Leader: Responsible for leading baptismal preparation class for a small group of parents. Training is provided for this ministry, and classes typically meet every other month.

#335-B: Supply Preparation: Prepare supplies for upcoming baptismal preparation classes. This task can be scheduled to fit into your schedule!

Contact: Steve and Pam Gantner (651) 460-1267 or sgantner@frontiernet.net

#336: 1st Eucharist: Assist with 1st Eucharist large group events. Tasks might include hospitality at group events, as well as advance preparation of crafts and other materials needed for these events.

Contact: Sandy Glau (651) 463-3360 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org

#337: 1st Reconciliation: Assist with 1st Reconciliation large group events. Tasks might include hospitality at group events, as well as preparation of crafts/materials needed for learning center stations.

Contact: Sandy Glau (651) 463-3360 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org

#338: Marriage Preparation: Looking for married couples who would be willing to be mentors to engaged couples in the marriage prep. program (generally meet 2-3 times with couples).

Contact: Nancy and Larry Mena (651) 463-8210 or menasota5@yahoo.com

#339: RCIA Sponsor: Sponsor an individual going through the process of joining our Catholic faith. This is an incredible opportunity to not only help another person grow in their faith, but to also deepen your own faith in the process.

Contact: Sandi Schultz (651) 463-1202 or ezlivin@charter.net

#340: RCIA Prayer Partner: Pray for a person going through the RCIA process.

Contact: Sandi Schultz (651) 463-1202 or ezlivin@charter.net



Vacation Bible School

VBS at St. Michael's is an amazing faith-filled experience held each July at St. Michael's for not only the nearly 150 children participating in the program, but also for the dozens of youth and adults working together to make it all possible! We invite you to become part of the VBS program, whether you would like to join our planning committee, volunteer the week of the program, or can donate items to make the program possible.

Contact: Pam Garcia (651) 460-4670 or parts5@charter.net or Pam Langenberger (651) 463-4248 or double_runner@msn.com

#341: VBS Committee: Be part of a vibrant committee that works to plan and facilitate our VBS program each summer. This group works hard throughout the spring and

summer to coordinate the program, but also manages to have a lot of fun together in the process!

#342: VBS Crew: Be part of a large group of youth and adults that leads groups of children or runs a particular station throughout the week of VBS.



Category 400: Pastoral Care and Parish Outreach

Contact: Sandy Glau (651) 463-3360 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org

A Ministry of Compassion

By Sandy Glau, Parish Pastoral Associate and Children's LIFE Liaison

My title is "Parish Pastoral Associate & Children's L.I.F.E. Liaison." That covers a wide range of ministries within the parish on a daily basis! As a pastoral minister, I work with the Samaritan Minister's Program. We currently have six Samaritan Ministers who visit homebound parishioners, conduct Word and Communion Services at the nursing home, etc. Currently, I am looking for people who would be interested in being in a "Mentoring" program for Samaritan Ministry.

I also conduct Ecumenical Prayer Services at the nursing home, help families as they prepare funerals, oversee volunteers who coordinate the Nursery, Coffee & Donut Sundays, Scrip, and facilitate an Orientation/ Welcome Breakfast 4-5 times a year to welcome new members to the parish.

Finally, as a pastoral minister part of my ministry is to reach beyond the parish itself and out into the greater community. It is a privilege to be involved with the Farmington Ministerial Association, the Farmington Community Meals program, and Ecumenical Services within the community.

If you would be interested in learning more about any of these ministries, please contact me, and we will explore all of the possibilities!

401: Samaritan Ministers: Samaritan Ministers are truly a ministry of compassion and caring. They are responsible for visiting homebound parishioners, conducting Word and Communion Services at the nursing home, and much more.

Contact: Sandy Glau (651) 463-3360 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org

#402: Funeral Luncheon Brigade: Help set up, serve a simple meal, clean up, or run the dishwasher following a funeral at St. Michael's. Men and women are invited to be a part of this brigade. If you are unable to help at the funeral, we would also be in need of people to donate salads or desserts.

Contact: Jane Nielson (651) 463-4521 or dickandjanefarm@frontiernet.net, Jeanne Thompson (651) 463-8848, Gretchen Bergman (651) 463-7385 or Carol Hansen (651) 460-6541.

#403: Prayer Chain: Participate in this much needed ministry by becoming part of a large group of parishioners who pray for the needs of individuals both in the parish and the greater community.

Contact: Audrey Stifter (651) 463-8769

#404: Bereavement Ministry: Be of support to families going through the bereavement process following the death of a loved one.

Contact: Sandy Glau: (651) 463-3360 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org

#405: DARTS: Assist with transportation to and from Mass on the DARTS Bus. Both drivers and helpers are always needed.

Contact: Dick Gerten (651) 463-4056

#406: Feed My Starving Children: Help package meals at “Feed My Starving Children” in Eagan. This service project is usually scheduled twice a year (spring & fall), and is a wonderful outreach experience for all ages!

Contact: Dottie Knutson (651) 463-3360 or dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org

#407: Community Meals: Are you looking for a way to connect with your neighbors in the Farmington area? On the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, a community meal is offered at Farmington Lutheran Church. The meal is attended by many people throughout the community. Our parish takes a turn being a “host” for the meal approximately every other month. We are always looking for people who would be willing to donate food for the meal, help prepare the dinner, serve, clean-up, and/or offer a monetary donation to defray the cost of the meal.

Contact: Sandy Glau (651) 463-3360 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org

#408: Giving Tree: Donate selected items and/or gift cards for families in need at Christmas time from our “Giving Tree” located in the Gathering Space. This is a wonderful opportunity for both children and adults to participate in!

Contact: Kay Cahill (651) 463-7444

#409: Farmington Food Shelf: Donate non-perishable food items for the Farmington Food Shelf. Donations are collected weekly and transported to the Food Shelf.

Contact: Imelda Becker (651) 460-6542

#410: Honduran Mission: Learn more about our plans to develop a mission relationship with the Franciscan Friars in Honduras! Whether you would like to actively take part in the next mission trip, want to help out behind the scenes locally, or just want to know more about the work of the Franciscans in Honduras, please join us!

Contact: Joe and Brenda Oeth (952) 953-3894 or jbj530oeth@msn.com.

#411: Pregnancy Choices Lifecare Center: Learn how we might assist this organization that offers support and resources to women in crisis pregnancies.

Contact: Cari White (651) 463-3360 or cwhite@stmichael-farmington.org and Nancy Waldbillig (651) 460-4383.

#412 Support Group for Families of Children with Special Needs: Parenting a child with special needs presents some unique challenges. We hope to form a group in the parish this fall where parents can offer each other support and encouragement as well as raising awareness about the needs of the disabled in our community. This group will meet approximately 8 times a year at a time yet to be determined.

Contact: Nancy Mena (651) 463-8210 or menasota5@yahoo.com



Category 500: Community Life

“Community Life” refers to the special events and times when we come together to celebrate the gift of being a parish family. It is at these times when we are enjoying “food, fellowship, and fun” that friendships are made and the bonds of our community are strengthened. St. Michael’s is blessed to have an abundance of activities and events for children, teens and adults. We hope that you will consider becoming involved in some of these opportunities!

Contact: Dottie Knutson (651) 463-3360 or dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org

#501 Family Movie Nights: Family movies are featured once a month (usually Friday evenings) during the months of October-April.

Contact: Dottie Knutson (651) 463-3360 or dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org

#501-A: Concessions: Help sell snack concessions at Family Movie Nights.

#501-B: Movie Night Set up / Clean-up Crew: Help set-up the Social Hall for movie nights and/or help with clean-up afterwards. Can sign up for individual movie nights or the entire season!

#502: Children’s Holiday Parties & Events: Throughout the year there are a variety of fun social events planned for the children in the parish. Our children’s parties and other events have become very popular throughout the past few years, and their success is due to the efforts of so many of our parishioners.

Contact: Dottie Knutson (651) 463-3360 or dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org

#502-A: Planning Team: Meet as a team 3-4 times a year to plan upcoming children’s events.

#502-B: Games & Crafts: Plan/create various crafts and games for upcoming events. Serve as coordinator for various craft/ game stations.

#502-C: Food Prep: Prepare and serve food and beverages for children’s events.

#502-D: Set-up & Clean-up Crew: Help with set-up and/or clean-up at children’s events. Time commitment would generally be 1-2 hours before start of an event, and 1 hour after the end of an event.

#503: Fall Festival: Take part in our annual Fall Festival by becoming involved in one of the following areas! The Fall Festival is the biggest parish event of the year, and is normally held the third weekend in September. Much help is needed in a variety of

different areas to make this beloved event a success!

Contact: Dottie Knutson (651) 463-3360 or dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org

#503-A: Chairpersons: Plan and oversee the Fall Festival. Ideally, there should be 4-8 people chairing the festival. Whether you would like to chair this event along with a group of your friends, or make new friends in the process, this is a wonderful and greatly appreciated ministry!

#503-B: Fall Festival Concert: Plan and promote our Saturday evening Concert. This is a new event as of this year (2008), but is sure to become a much loved annual tradition as we open our doors to a variety of Christian Music Artists each fall.

#503-C: Site Preparation & Clean-up: Set-up and/or clean-up for the Festival. The set up team will meet on Saturday a.m. for approximately 2-3 hours setting up booths, chairs, and tables. Likewise, the clean-up crew will work for approximately 2-3 hours following the close of the Festival on Sunday afternoon. This is a fun, large group activity for both teens and adults (bagels Saturday a.m., and pizza Sunday p.m.!).

#503-D: Decorations: Plan and decorate the parish grounds to set the theme for the Festival!

#503-E: Dinner: Prepare and serve the Saturday evening dinner at the Fall Festival. This is a very popular event at the festival with a variety of opportunities available (cooking, serving, clean-up etc)!

#503-F: Food Booths: Serve food at one of several specialty outdoor food booths throughout the Festival.

#503-G: Auction Team: Help acquire a variety of items for Fall Festival Auction (both commercially and in-parish), and work with the rest of the Auction Team to facilitate a successful silent auction event.

#503-H: Raffle: Help with acquisition of items for raffle as well as helping with sale and distribution of raffle tickets.

#503-I: Casino Games: Help plan and run casino games at the festival. *Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age.

#503-J: Children's/ Teen Activities: Help plan and facilitate activities for both children and teens at the Fall Festival.

#504: Spring Fundraiser Dinner: The Spring Fundraiser dinner has been a much loved social event at St. Michael's for several years. Come and join us for a wonderful evening of socializing and great food! The Spring Fundraiser Dinner is also one of our

major fundraisers in the parish. Much help is needed to make it possible each spring and we would love help in any of the following areas.

Contact: Judy Chown (651) 463-3360 or jchown@stmichael-farmington.org

504-A: Chairpersons: Responsible for planning and hosting the Spring Fundraiser Dinner. Typically, this task is shared by 2-4 couples and is a fun and rewarding experience for all involved!

504-B: Ticket Sales: Be part of a large team responsible for selling tickets to the Spring Fundraiser.

505-C: Decorations: Responsible for decorating the social hall to set the theme for the Spring Fundraiser Dinner.

504-D: Kitchen Help: Responsible for assisting the catering team with food prep, waiting on tables, and clearing off tables after dinner.

504-E: Set-up and Clean up: Be part of a team responsible for setting up the social hall before the dinner, and clean-up afterwards.

504-F: Coordinate silent auction to be held during the Spring Fundraiser Dinner.

#505: Outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic: The Outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic has become a favorite event over the past few years! Typically, this event is held on the last Sunday of August at the Dakota Co. Fairgrounds with Mass at 10:30 and the picnic following immediately afterwards.

Contact: Dottie Knutson (651) 463-3360 or dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org

#505-A: Planning Team: Help plan activities and games for the parish picnic.

#505-B: Set-up/ Clean-up: Assist with set-up and/or clean-up at the picnic.

#505-C: Games & Crafts: Be part of a group facilitating outdoor games and crafts for both children and those still “young at heart”!

#505-D: Serve Food: Assist with serving food at the parish picnic.

#506: Lenten Fish Fry: St. Michael’s hosts one of the best Fish Fry’s “south of the river” each Lent, and is something to invite your friends and neighbors to attend! Much help is needed to make this wonderful event happen from the planning stage on up through the Fish Fry itself. Please consider joining us and make this much loved event possible!

Contact: Joe and Kayla Hajduk (952) 431-4652 or joehajduk@gmail.com

#506-A: Set-up/ Clean-up: Help with either setting up before the

fish fry or with clean-up afterwards.

#506-B: Kitchen Help: Help with food preparation, serving meal, and clean-up during Fish Fry.

#506-C: Silent Auction: Coordinate silent auction to be held during the Fish Fry.

#507: Coffee and Donut Sundays: Host “coffee and donuts” after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sundays during the months of September through May (except when Pancake Breakfasts are scheduled).

Contact: Kim Donohue (651) 463-4457 or bkvmd@frontiernet.net

#508: Photographer for Parish Events: Responsible for taking photographs at parish events.

Contact: Dottie Knutson (651) 463-3360 or dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org

#509: Knights of Columbus #2400: Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference. Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life.

Contact: Vince Olson (651) 463-9456 or ybolson@frontiernet.net

#510: Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary: the Ladies Auxiliary is a group of women who assist the Knights of Columbus in, and hold their own, various functions and activities to promote catholic charities and tolerance.

Contact: Mary Czech (651) 463-3133 or mcczech@frontiernet.net

#511: New Parishioner Welcome: Be part of a group that welcomes our newest parishioners! The New Parishioner Welcome is typically held 3-4 times a year between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. This group focuses on hospitality and welcome to our parish community; inviting new parishioners to parish activities, events, and on-going ministries.

Contact: Sandy Glau (651) 463-3360 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org

#512: Nursery Volunteer: Provide childcare for children ages 1-5 years of age during the 10:30 Mass.

Contact: Keri Stenger, (651) 270-9575 or cordryk@yahoo.com



Category 600: Building and Grounds:

Contact: Bill Kilzer, Maintenance: (651) 463-3360 or bkilzer@stmichael-farmington.org

Building and Grounds at St. Michael's

By Bill Kilzer, Maintenance

Our parish has been blessed with a beautiful facility (both building and grounds) with the construction of our present day site in 2000. In the years since, countless parishioners have given of their time and talent to maintain its beauty. As our building matures and additional repairs and upkeep are needed, we will need the help of many more individuals.

The maintenance department provides the parish with cleaning, set-up and take-down for events, on-going light maintenance, as well as preventative care throughout the facility and occasional building emergencies. Whether you are able to help out on occasion with special seasonal tasks, or on a more regular basis, we invite you to join one of these groups and truly appreciate your help!

#601: Building and Property Committee: If you have expertise in any mechanical field such as; electrical, plumbing, HVAC, carpentry etc. we need your help. We are looking for people who can advise us and if possible repair things that are needed around our building and grounds.

Contact: Joe Hajduk (952) 431-4643 or joehajduk@gmail.com

#602: Weekly Cleaning Crew: Assist with light cleaning in the Worship Space and Gathering Space on Monday mornings.

Contact: Bill Kilzer (651) 463-3360 or bkilzer@stmichael-farmington.org

#603: Spring and Fall Cleaning: Assist with seasonal, larger scale cleaning projects if necessary. This type of task would be done as a team effort, with time and type of task prearranged.

Contact: Bill Kilzer (651) 463-3360 or bkilzer@stmichael-farmington.org

#604: Summer Maintenance: Assist with seasonal maintenance and/or needed repair projects.

Contact: Bill Kilzer (651) 463-3360 or bkilzer@stmichael-farmington.org

#605: Substitute Cleaning Crew: Assist with light housekeeping tasks in the event of absence of maintenance personnel. This group might also assist with both set-up and/or clean-up for significant parish events. Interested individuals would be contacted if/when any need should arise.

Contact: Bill Kilzer (651) 463-3360 or bkilzer@stmichael-farmington.org

#606: Gardening and Landscaping: Assist with a variety of landscaping gardening and landscaping tasks throughout the year.

Contact: Dick Gerten (651) 463-7422

#607: St. Michael's Cemetery Board: For those currently serving on St. Michael's Cemetery Board. Representatives of the Cemetery Board assist parishioners in choosing a final resting place at the time of need, and provide on-going maintenance at St. Michael's Cemetery.

Contact: Conrad Adelman (651) 463-2946, Duane Eich (651) 460-6000, Erwin Hagen (651) 463-8184, David Kamen (651) 463-8288, and Jerry Sauber (651) 463-2597.



Category 700: Office Help

#701: Office Aid/ Receptionist: Assist with greeting visitors and answering incoming phone calls at the parish office. Help in this area is much appreciated, whether you are able to fill in when needed or would like to help out on a regular basis!

Contact: Judy Chown (651) 463-3360 or jchown@stmichael-farmington.org

#702: Assist with Special Mailings: Be part of a team that puts together large parish mailings when needed. Truly, many hands make light the work!

Contact: Judy Chown (651) 463-3360 or jchown@stmichael-farmington.org



Category 800: Administration and Finance

#801: Finance Council: For parishioners currently serving on the Finance Council.

Contact: Mark Wood (651) 463-2101 or mark.wood@cna.com

#802: Interested in Joining the Finance Council: Please indicate if you are interested in learning more about serving on the parish finance council. The Finance Council assists the pastor in the administration of parish goods in accordance with the norms of Canons 1281-1288. We conduct periodic reviews of the parish's expenditures and revenues, make budget recommendations and assist in preparation of the annual financial report for the parish. We develop a proposed parish annual budget for approval by the pastor, in light of parish goals and priorities. Additionally, we annually conduct inventories of parish resources and holdings and review areas such as maintenance of the resources and insurance limits.

Contact: John Frank (651) 463-3360 or jfrank@stmichael-farmington.org and Jeri Jolley (651) 463-2107 or jolley99@frontiernet.net

#802: Pastoral Council: For parishioners currently serving on the Pastoral Council.
Contact: Dottie Knutson (651) 463-3360 or dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org

#803: Interested in Joining Pastoral Council: Please indicate if you are interested in learning more about serving on the parish pastoral council. The Pastoral Council is both a visioning and advisory board, serving as the “voice of the parish” for the pastor. It consists of a total of nine members, each serving a three year term. Interviews are held with prospective members each spring, and any parishioner over the age of 18 is welcome to apply.

Contact: Dottie Knutson (651) 463-3360 or dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org

#804: Stewardship Resource Group: This group seeks to actively promote the understanding of stewardship (discipleship) to the greater parish. The Time and Talent booklet, Ministry Appreciation events, and the Fall Festival Concert are all sponsored by the Stewardship Resource Group. This group is open to any interested parishioner, and generally meets once a month between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses.
Contact: Dottie Knutson (651) 463-3360 or dknutson@stmichael-farmington.org.

#805: Scrip: Sell Scrip gift cards after Mass on the weekend. Scrip is for sale after each weekend Mass (Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8:00a.m. & 10:30 a.m.). St. Michael’s is able to purchase gift cards from Scrip at a discount, and all profit made from sale of Scrip benefits the LIFE program!

Contact: Sandy Glau (651) 463-3360 or sglau@stmichael-farmington.org.



Category 900: Living Well Gift and Bookstore

The Living Well Gift and Bookstore first opened back in 2003 with a small selection of Catholic books and other items being sold on a table in the Gathering Space after Mass. Since that time, the store has established its own retail location across from the parish office and offers a wealth of Catholic books, jewelry, cards, and seasonal gift items. The Living Well has also become a place for sharing stories of faith and on-going ministry and prayer.

This fall, the Living Well Gift and Bookstore will be having an orientation for all who are interested in this ministry. The Living Well is run entirely on the volunteer efforts of parishioners, and would like to invite all who are interested to contact them!

Contact: Diane Sowieja or Bernie May (651) 463-3360 or livingwellbookstore@stmichael-farmington.org.

#901: Retail Clerk: Responsible for opening store, retail sales, and running P.O.S. computer system. In addition to helping customers with book and gift selection, you are listening and ministering to all who are in need. Prefer to have volunteers who can commit to a regular schedule (i.e. every other Saturday or Sunday, etc).

#902: Retail Helper: Greet customers and help with gift selection. Keep in mind that

the gift and bookstore is a ministry, and is often a center for support and prayer. Additionally, assist with unpacking, pricing, inventory, and cleaning of store. No need to run the P.O.S. computer system.

#903: Marketing Team: Create promotional advertisements for bulletin, as well as fliers for upcoming promotional events.

#904: Scheduler: Schedule volunteers for retail sales during hours that the bookstore is open. This is a job that can be done from home at your convenience!