

✠ PASTORAL CARE ✠

Pastoral Care is the caring response to the lonely, the shut-ins and the sick. The Pastoral Care Teams are there to meet their spiritual needs. This ministry involves all priests, religious and laity, joined in prayer, guided by the Holy Spirit, serving Jesus, for the glory of the Father. Pastoral Care volunteers are sent forth on behalf of All Saints parish, representing the love, prayers and support of the parish for those members that are not able to come to the Sunday celebration. The Team brings the Eucharist to those who are sick. If requested they will contact the parish priest to receive Reconciliation and/or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Catholic Palliative Care Ministry

The priest is an instrument of God's healing power. He can respond to the deepest needs of the dying and bereaved, offering words of faith that strengthen and console. Improving spiritual health may not cure illness, but "healing" can occur when "curing" is not possible. To assist the priests in their many duties, the Palliative Ministry Program has come together to attend to the spiritual needs of the palliative in facilities and homes in Lethbridge. We offer our presence, our prayers with, and for the dying, bring the Holy Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass, and be the link between those we serve and the Parish community.

Time Commitment:

- ♦ Variable
- ♦ 2 hours per month

Screening requirements:

- ♦ Vulnerable Sector documents

Eucharistic Ministers of the Sick (Hospital)

We have a group of volunteers who take turns on Saturdays to go to the Hospital to prepare a list of Roman Catholics wishing to receive Holy Communion on Sunday. Following the Sunday 9:00am Mass we have teams of Eucharistic Ministers who take turns bringing Holy Communion to these patients. If you feel this is a ministry you may be called to, please contact the parish office.

Time Commitment:

- ♦ Variable
- ♦ 2 hours per month

Screening requirements:

- ♦ Vulnerable Sector documents

Funeral Receptions

A time when families have so many things to take care of, we offer a reception to help relieve one worry. This is truly a way to show the love of Jesus to others through our gift of time and talent. We rely on our list of CWL ladies, as well as some volunteers from our parish, whom we

call to bake, cook or serve. They provide a welcoming and comforting atmosphere on behalf of our faith community.

Time Commitment:

- ♦ Called on short notice when a family expresses interest

Screening requirements:

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

Funeral Altar Server

“Bury the dead” is one of the corporal works of mercy. Through helping to serve at the altar, we can pray for the deceased and support those who grieve. The ministry is open to adults and children. No experience is necessary as training is provided.

Time Commitment:

- ♦ 1 ½ hours whenever a funeral arises
- ♦ The occasional weekday or Saturday

Screening requirements:

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

Prayer Vigil Leaders

“Bury the dead” is one of the corporal works of mercy. Our lay prayer leaders serve at the funeral prayer vigil services. There is special training and support for this ministry.

Time Commitment:

- ♦ The occasional weekday or Saturday
- ♦ Whenever a funeral arises

Screening requirements:

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

Prison Ministry

Would you like to offer your time and talents to God by serving the inmates at the Lethbridge Correctional Centre? We have volunteers who organize, lead and participate in Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations, lead the Rosary on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings as well as the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Approximately 200 inmates are reached through the prison ministry.

Prerequisite:

- ♦ Must be 18 or older
- ♦ Must be registered with the parish for at least one year
- ♦ Must be known to the parish

Time Commitment:

- ♦ As little as 1 hour per month

Screening requirements:

- ♦ Vulnerable Sector documents

Resurrection Choir

The Resurrection Choir donates their time and talent to bereaved families by singing at funeral services. There are approximately 30 dedicated members who are available on a weekly basis to provide this worthy ministry to the grieving families of our parish community.

Time Commitment:

- ♦ The occasional weekday or Saturday
- ♦ Whenever a funeral arises

Screening requirements:

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents

Seniors Spiritual Care

All Saints Parish keeps in contact with our parishioners who are living in lodges, nursing homes, as well as those who are home bound, the sick and the suffering. Members of our parish family visit and take communion to people who cannot make it to Mass. For those who are able to attend Mass but do not have a ride, we will try to find someone to take them.

We schedule Masses, Communion and Anointing (Sacrament of the Sick) for those in the nursing homes and lodges. We have monthly Masses at Blue Sky/Golden Acres Lodge, Extendicare Nursing Home, Edith Cavell Care Centre and Legacy Lodge. Parishioners take communion to Legacy Ridge, Gardenview Lodge, Pemmican Lodge, Good Samaritans, Black Rock Terrace, Alberta Rose Lodge, The View, and Sunrise Village.

Time Commitment:

- ♦ Variable
- ♦ 2 hours per month

Screening requirements:

- ♦ Vulnerable Sector documents

Soup Kitchen

Work with one of our Soup Kitchen teams who prepare and serve lunch every other month. You need to be able to help on a Tuesday.

Time Commitment:

- ♦ Approximately 5 hours every other month

Screening requirements:

- ♦ Vulnerable Sector documents

Transitions

A 15-week peer support program to help those who are separated or divorced. Participants will meet once a week to reflect upon and discuss topics such as self-esteem, grief, stress, anger, guilt, blame, loneliness, forgiveness, blended families and more. Our program takes place on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at St. Basil's Parish Hall.

Prerequisite:

- ♦ 18 years or older

Time Commitment:

- ♦ Average 1-2 hours per session

Screening requirements:

- ♦ Non-vulnerable documents